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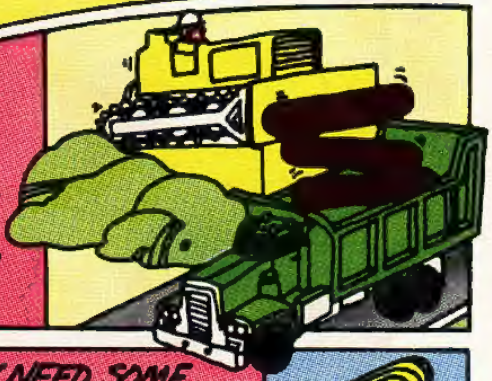

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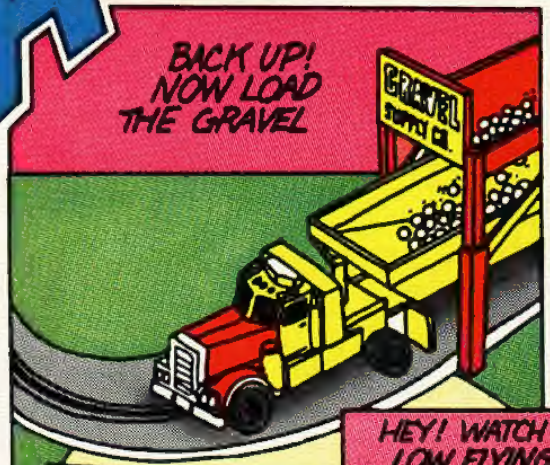

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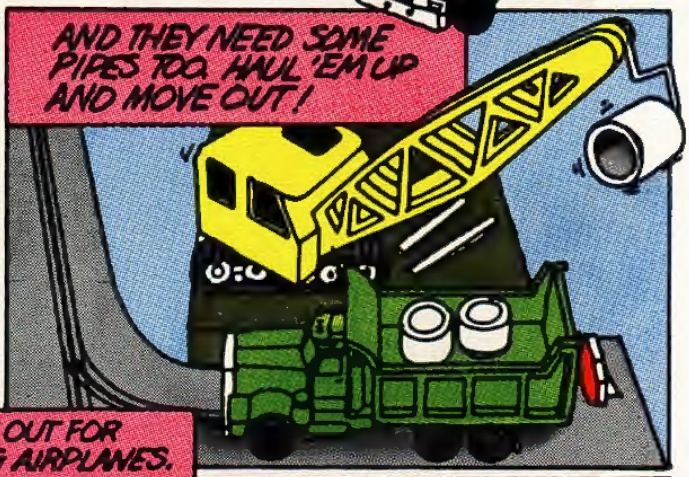

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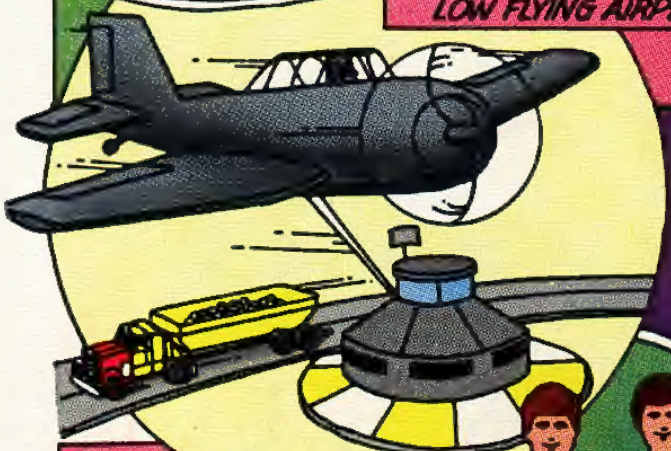
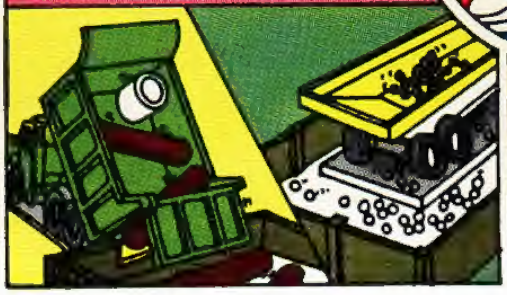


SLOW DOWN! DON'T PASS THE EXIT—WE'LL MISS OUR DELIVERY!

WOW! MADE IT JUST IN TIME.



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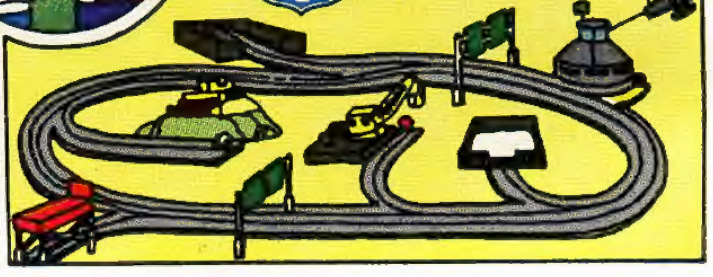

CHRISTOPHER KING! VICTORIA GRANT! WHEN THESE TWO ORDINARY TEENAGERS FOUND THE MYSTIC DIALS, THEY HAD NO IDEA THAT WHEN THEY DIALED THE LETTERS H-E-R-O, THEY WOULD BE TURNED INTO THE GREATEST SUPER-HEROES OF ALL TIME! NOW, YOU CAN JOIN THEM AND HELP OUR TITANIC TWOSOME...

DIAL "H" FOR HERO®

TSUNAMI--TIDAL WAVE--ONE OF THE MOST FEARSOME SIGHTS IN NATURE TO BEHOLD!

LITTLE WONDER THEN THAT THE PEOPLE OF FAIRFAX ARE FLEEING FOR THEIR LIVES--AS A MASSIVE WALL OF WATER LOOMS READY TO CRUSH THEIR HOMES!

YET, WERE THEY OF CLEARER MINDS IN THIS TIME OF PANIC, THEY MIGHT STOP AND WONDER WHY THIS TIDAL WAVE IS COMING OUT OF THE RIVER!

THE ANSWER WILL BE REVEALED SHORTLY, AS OUR TWO YOUTHFUL HEROES DISCOVER THAT, IN ADDITION TO DELIVERING CRIMINALS INTO THE ARMS OF THE LAW, THEY MUST SUPPLY...

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"PROOF...THE WHOLE PROOF... and NOTHING BUT THE PROOF!"

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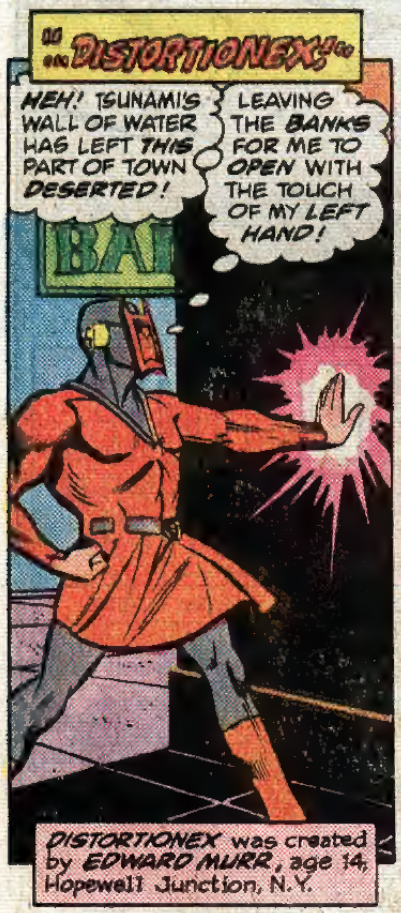
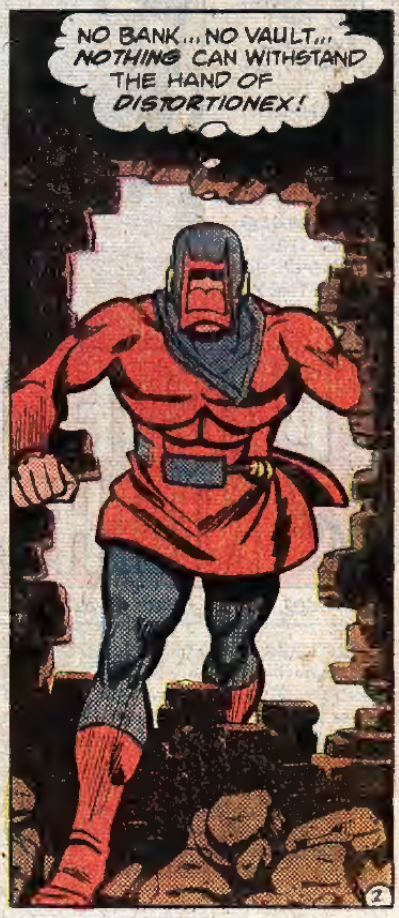
EVEN AS THE CITIZENS OF FAIRFAX FLEE, THERE IS ONE PERSON WHO STANDS UNMOVED BY THE ONRUSHING WATER...
THAT'S IT, YOU FOOLS! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
FLEE BEFORE THE POWER OF TSUNAM!
TSUNAM! was created by MATT YOUNG, age 15, Cherry Hill, N.J.

AND, LIKE THE HEROIC FIGURES THEY SHOULD BE, THE ENTIRE FAIRFAX POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HERE TO AID THE PEOPLE!

THAT MAKES THE TASK OF MY PARTNER ALL THE EASIER!
SOON FAIRFAX WILL HAVE FALLEN BEFORE THE MIGHT OF TSUNAM! AND...


...DISTORTIONEX!...
HEH! TSUNAMI'S WALL OF WATER HAS LEFT THIS PART OF TOWN DESERTED!
LEAVING THE BANKS FOR ME TO OPEN WITH THE TOUCH OF MY LEFT HAND!
DISTORTIONEX was created by EDWARD MURR, age 14, Hopewell Junction, N.Y.

HEH! THE MEREST TOUCH DISRUPTS THE MOLECULES OF THE WALL, CAUSING THEM TO CRUMBLE!


NO BANK... NO VAULT... NOTHING CAN WITHSTAND THE HAND OF DISTORTIONEX!
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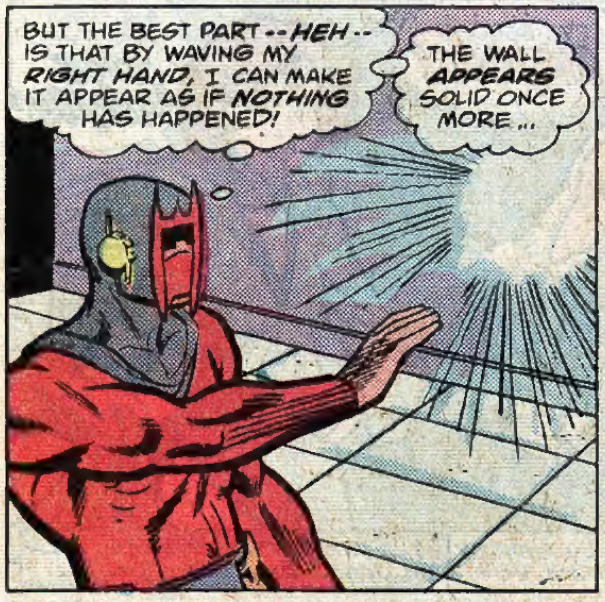
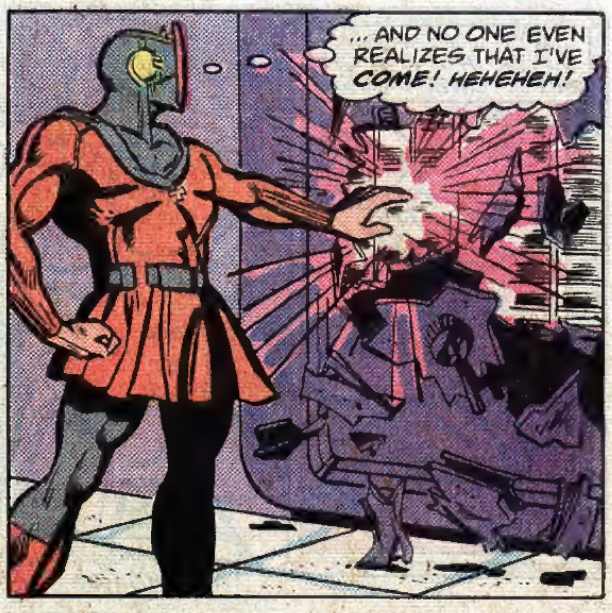
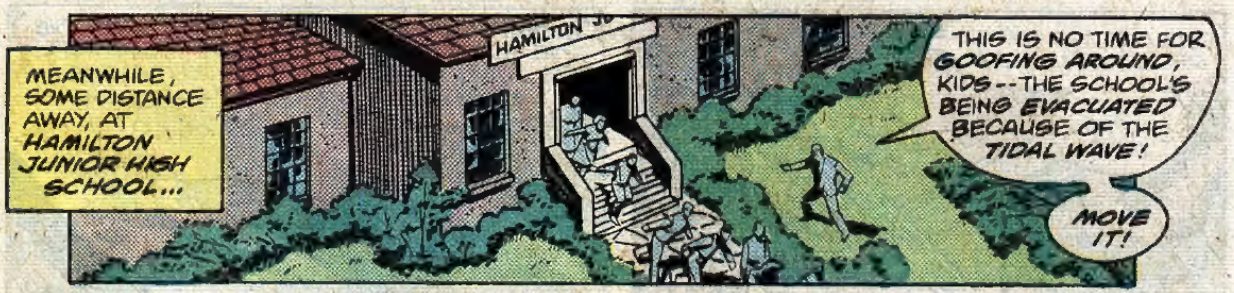
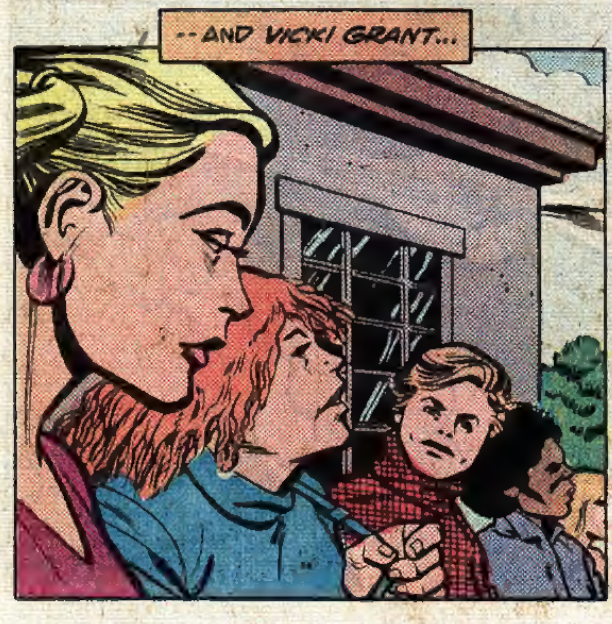

BUT THE BEST PART -- HEH -- IS THAT BY WAVING MY RIGHT HAND, I CAN MAKE IT APPEAR AS IF NOTHING HAS HAPPENED!
THE WALL APPEARS SOLID ONCE MORE...

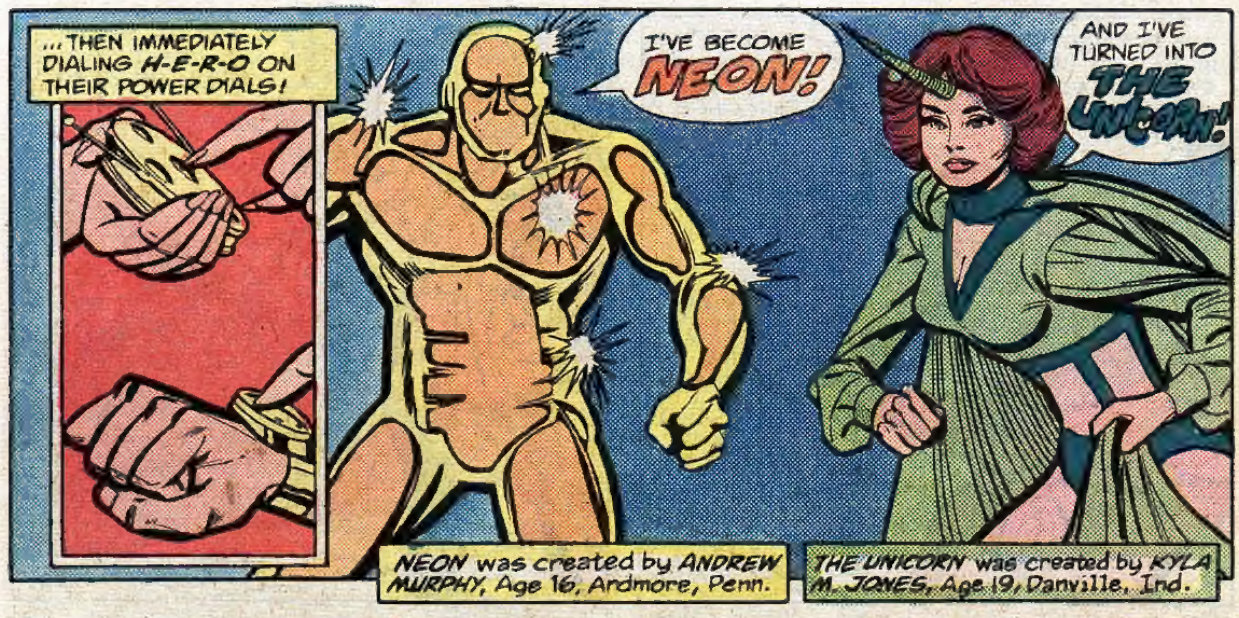

...AND NO ONE EVEN REALIZES THAT I'VE COME! HEHEHEH!


MEANWHILE, SOME DISTANCE AWAY, AT HAMILTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL...
HAMILTON
THIS IS NO TIME FOR GOOFING AROUND, KIDS -- THE SCHOOL'S BEING EVACUATED BECAUSE OF THE TIDAL WAVE!
MOVE IT!

AMONG THE HERD OF FRIGHTENED TEENAGERS: CHRIS KING --


--AND VICKI GRANT...

WITHOUT A WORD, THE TWO TEENAGERS BREAK AWAY FROM THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS, DUCKING OUT OF SIGHT...



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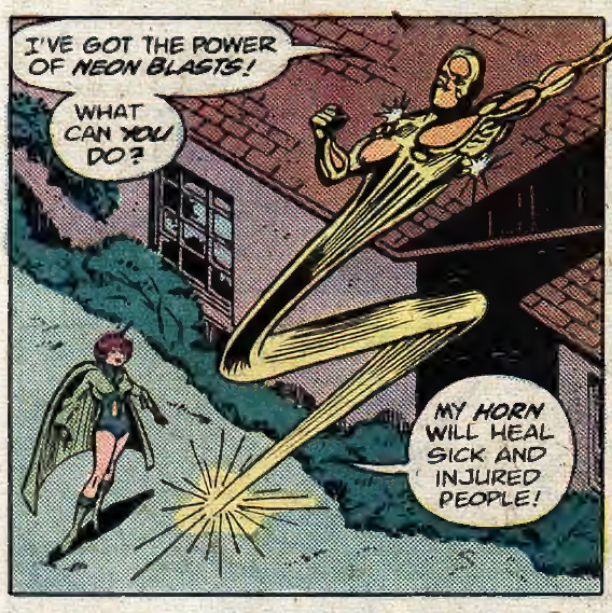
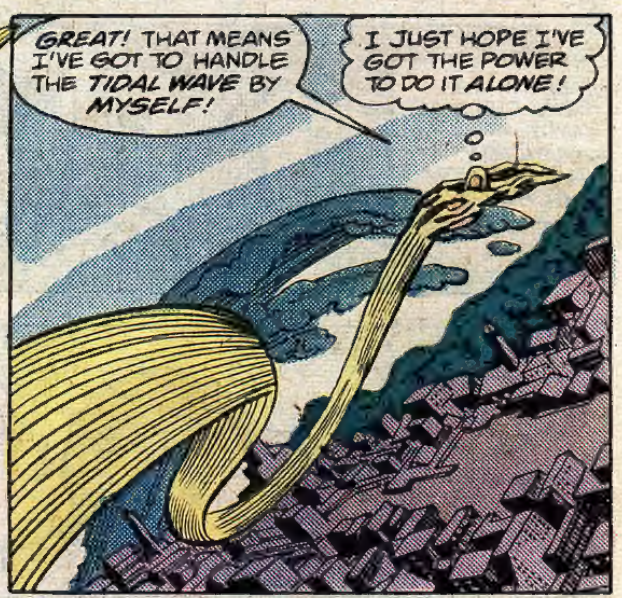
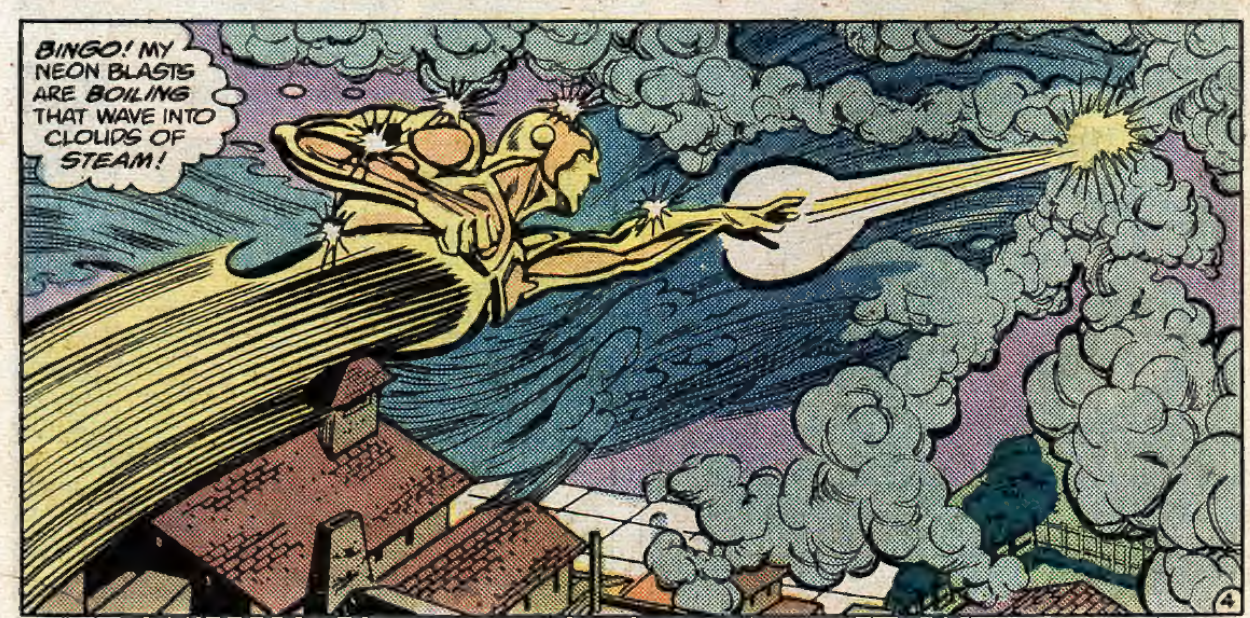
THE UNICORN was created by KYLA M. JONES, Age 19, Danville, Ind.







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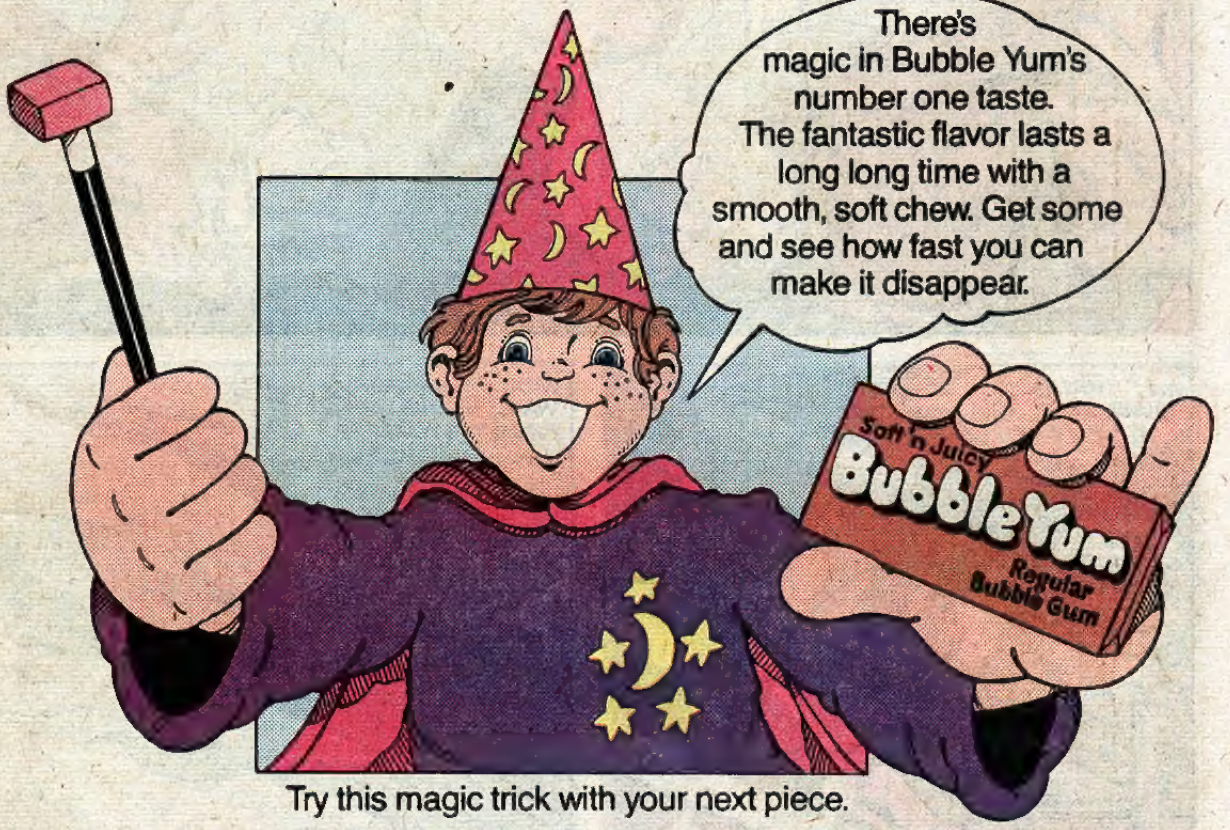
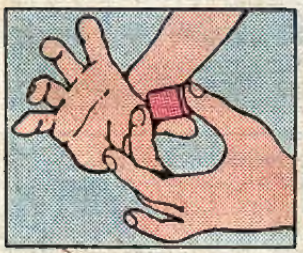
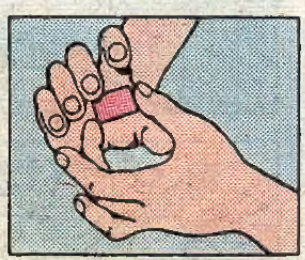

There's magic in Bubble Yum's number one taste. The fantastic flavor lasts a long long time with a smooth, soft chew. Get some and see how fast you can make it disappear.
Soft 'n Juicy
Bubble Yum
Regular Bubble Gum

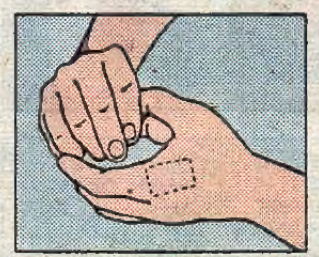
Try this magic trick with your next piece.



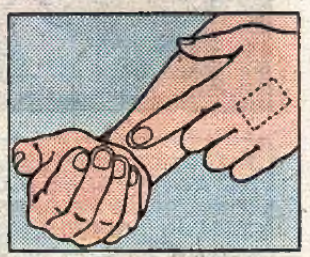
Hold the Bubble Yum between the thumb and middle finger of your left hand.



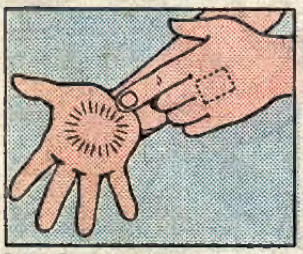
Pretend to grab it with your right hand while you really drop it into the palm of your left hand.



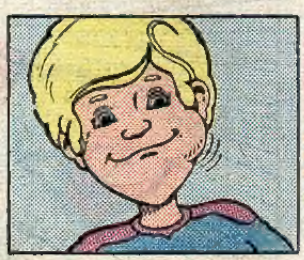
Keep the fingers of your right hand loose as if they had the gum.



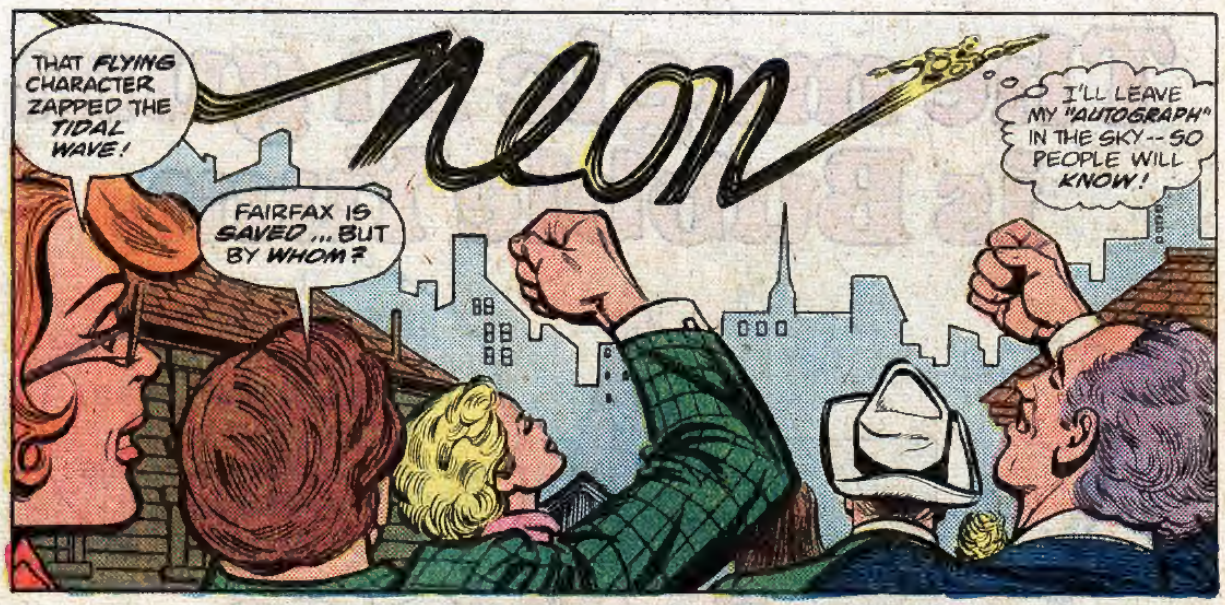
Point with the left hand while you secretly hold the gum in your palm.



Say "Presto chango!" and open your right hand to show that the Bubble Yum has magically disappeared.



Then you can make the Bubble Yum disappear the easy way—and try the number one taste.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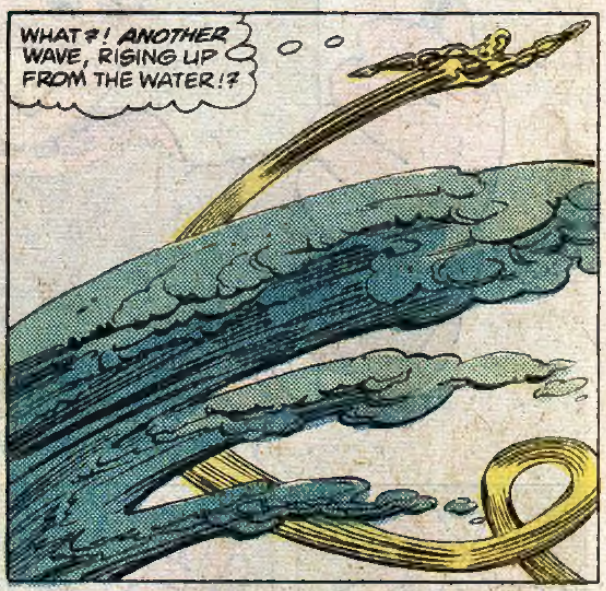
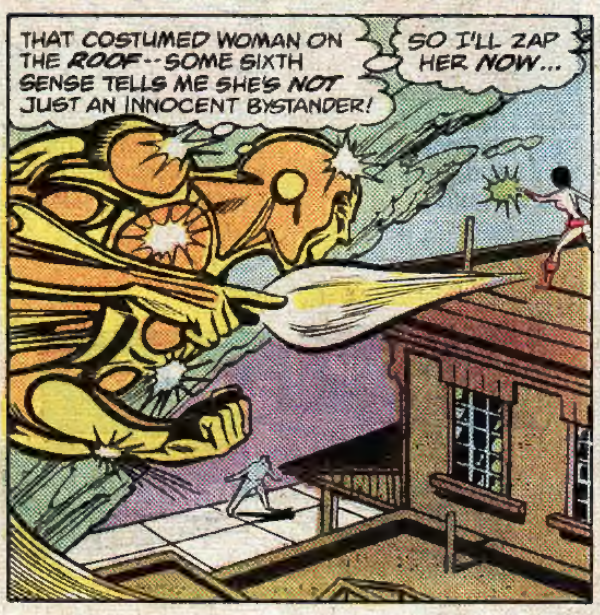
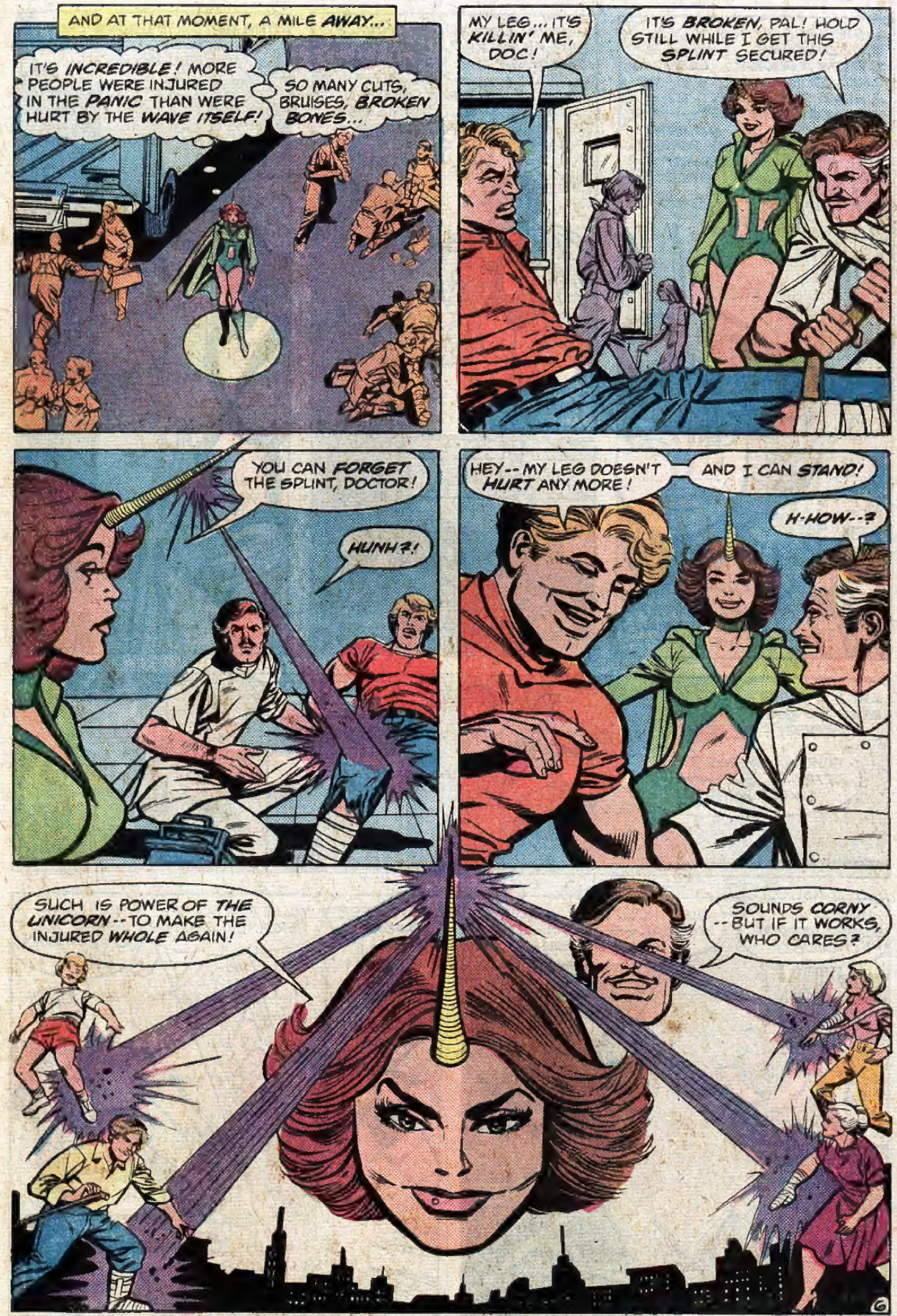
THAT FLYING CHARACTER ZAPPED THE TIDAL WAVE!
FAIRFAX IS SAVED... BUT BY WHOM?
I'LL LEAVE MY "AUTOGRAPH" IN THE SKY--SO PEOPLE WILL KNOW!

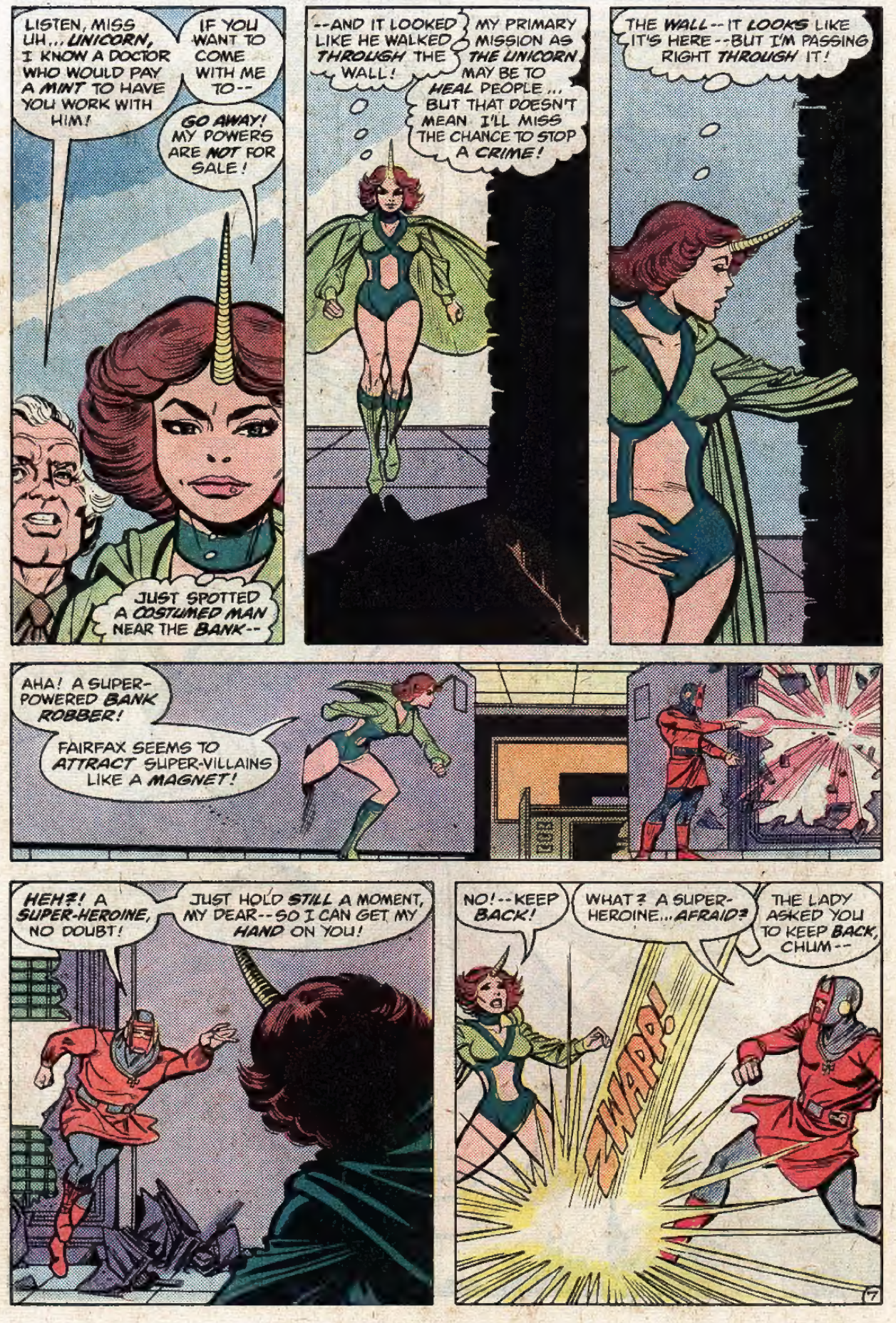
NO! THAT GLORY-HOUND WON'T RUIN MY PLANS!
I'LL GENERATE A SECOND TIDAL WAVE!


WHAT?! ANOTHER WAVE, RISING UP FROM THE WATER!?


THAT COSTUMED WOMAN ON THE ROOF--SOME SIXTH SENSE TELLS ME SHE'S NOT JUST AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER!
SO I'LL ZAP HER NOW...

...AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER!
ZWAPPP!
YOOOO!


AND AT THAT MOMENT, A MILE AWAY...
IT'S INCREDIBLE! MORE PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN THE PANIC THAN WERE HURT BY THE WAVE ITSELF!
SO MANY CUTS, BRUISES, BROKEN BONES...
MY LEG... IT'S KILLIN' ME, DOC!
IT'S BROKEN, PAL! HOLD STILL WHILE I GET THIS SPLINT SECURED!
YOU CAN FORGET THE SPLINT, DOCTOR!
HUNH?!
HEY-- MY LEG DOESN'T HURT ANY MORE!
AND I CAN STAND!
H-HOW--?
SUCH IS POWER OF THE UNICORN--TO MAKE THE INJURED WHOLE AGAIN!
SOUNDS CORNY--BUT IF IT WORKS, WHO CARES?


LISTEN, MISS UH..., UNICORN, I KNOW A DOCTOR WHO WOULD PAY A MINT TO HAVE YOU WORK WITH HIM!
IF YOU WANT TO COME WITH ME TO--
GO AWAY! MY POWERS ARE NOT FOR SALE!
JUST SPOTTED A COSTUMED MAN NEAR THE BANK--
--AND IT LOOKED LIKE HE WALKED THROUGH THE WALL!
MY PRIMARY MISSION AS THE UNICORN MAY BE TO HEAL PEOPLE... BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'LL MISS THE CHANCE TO STOP A CRIME!
THE WALL--IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S HERE--BUT I'M PASSING RIGHT THROUGH IT!
AHA! A SUPER-POWERED BANK ROBBER!
FAIRFAX SEEMS TO ATTRACT SUPER-VILLAINS LIKE A MAGNET!
HEH?! A SUPER-HEROINE, NO DOUBT!
JUST HOLD STILL A MOMENT, MY DEAR--SO I CAN GET MY HAND ON YOU!
NO!--KEEP BACK!
WHAT? A SUPER-HEROINE...AFRAID?
THE LADY ASKED YOU TO KEEP BACK, CHUM--
ZWAPP!
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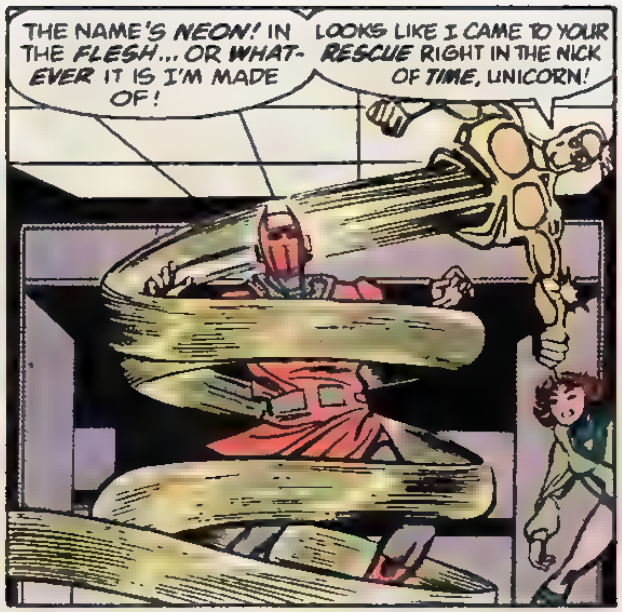
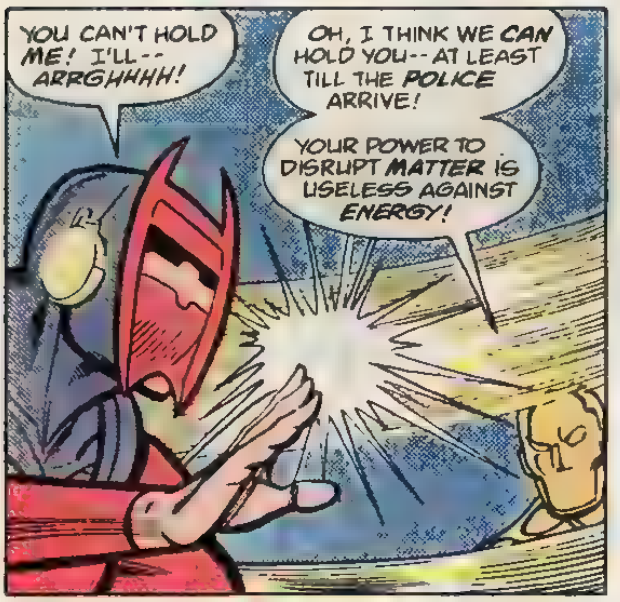
--SO BACK OFF!
WHO--?!?

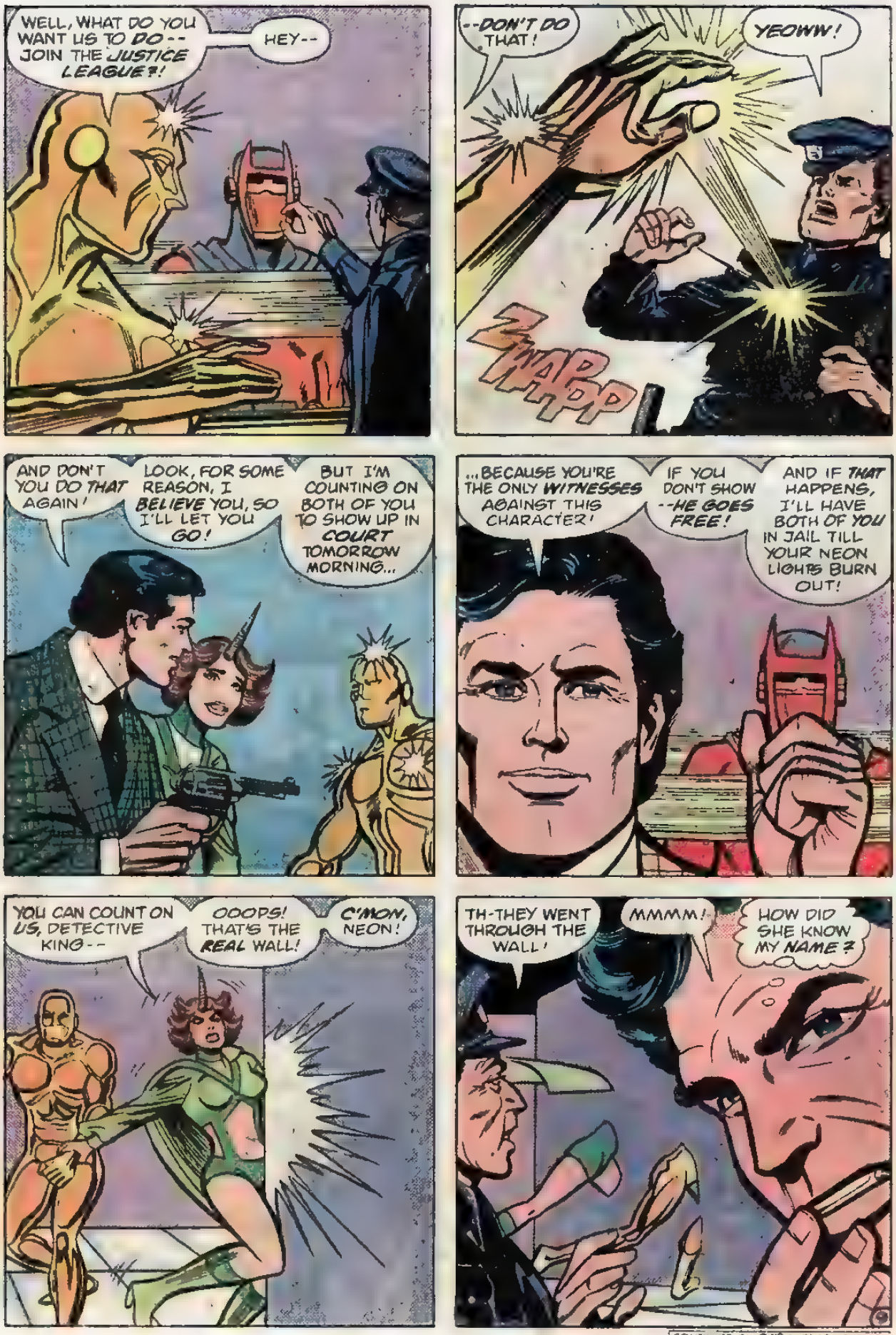

THE NAME'S NEON! IN THE FLESH... OR WHATEVER IT IS I'M MADE OF!
LOOKS LIKE I CAME TO YOUR RESCUE RIGHT IN THE NICK OF TIME, UNICORN!


YOU CAN'T HOLD ME! I'LL-- ARRGHHHH!
OH, I THINK WE CAN HOLD YOU-- AT LEAST TILL THE POLICE ARRIVE!
YOUR POWER TO DISRUPT MATTER IS USELESS AGAINST ENERGY!

THE POLICE ARE HERE, "NEON"-- OR WHOEVER YOU ARE!
DON'T ANY OF YOU MOVE!
HEY, WHAT'S THE DEAL? WE'RE THE HEROES!

YEAH, WELL, I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE! LAST WEEK SOME SWORD-SWINGING VIKING CUT A HOLE IN THE WALL OF A BANK--
--AND THEN PROMPTLY DISAPPEARED!
HE SAID HE WAS A HERO TOO!

THERE'RE AN AWFUL LOT OF YOU CHARACTERS POPPING UP IN FAIRFAX ... AND WE CAN'T TELL YOU APART WITHOUT A SCORECARD!
I WONDER WHAT DETECTIVE KING WOULD SAY IF HE KNEW THAT NEON IS HIS OWN SON!


WELL, WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO -- JOIN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE?!
HEY--
--DON'T DO THAT!
YEOWW!
ZWAPP
AND DON'T YOU DO THAT AGAIN!
LOOK, FOR SOME REASON, I BELIEVE YOU, SO I'LL LET YOU GO!
BUT I'M COUNTING ON BOTH OF YOU TO SHOW UP IN COURT TOMORROW MORNING...
...BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY WITNESSES AGAINST THIS CHARACTER!
IF YOU DON'T SHOW --HE GOES FREE!
AND IF THAT HAPPENS, I'LL HAVE BOTH OF YOU IN JAIL TILL YOUR NEON LIGHTS BURN OUT!
YOU CAN COUNT ON US, DETECTIVE KING--
OOOPS! THAT'S THE REAL WALL!
C'MON, NEON!
TH-THEY WENT THROUGH THE WALL!
MMMM!
HOW DID SHE KNOW MY NAME?
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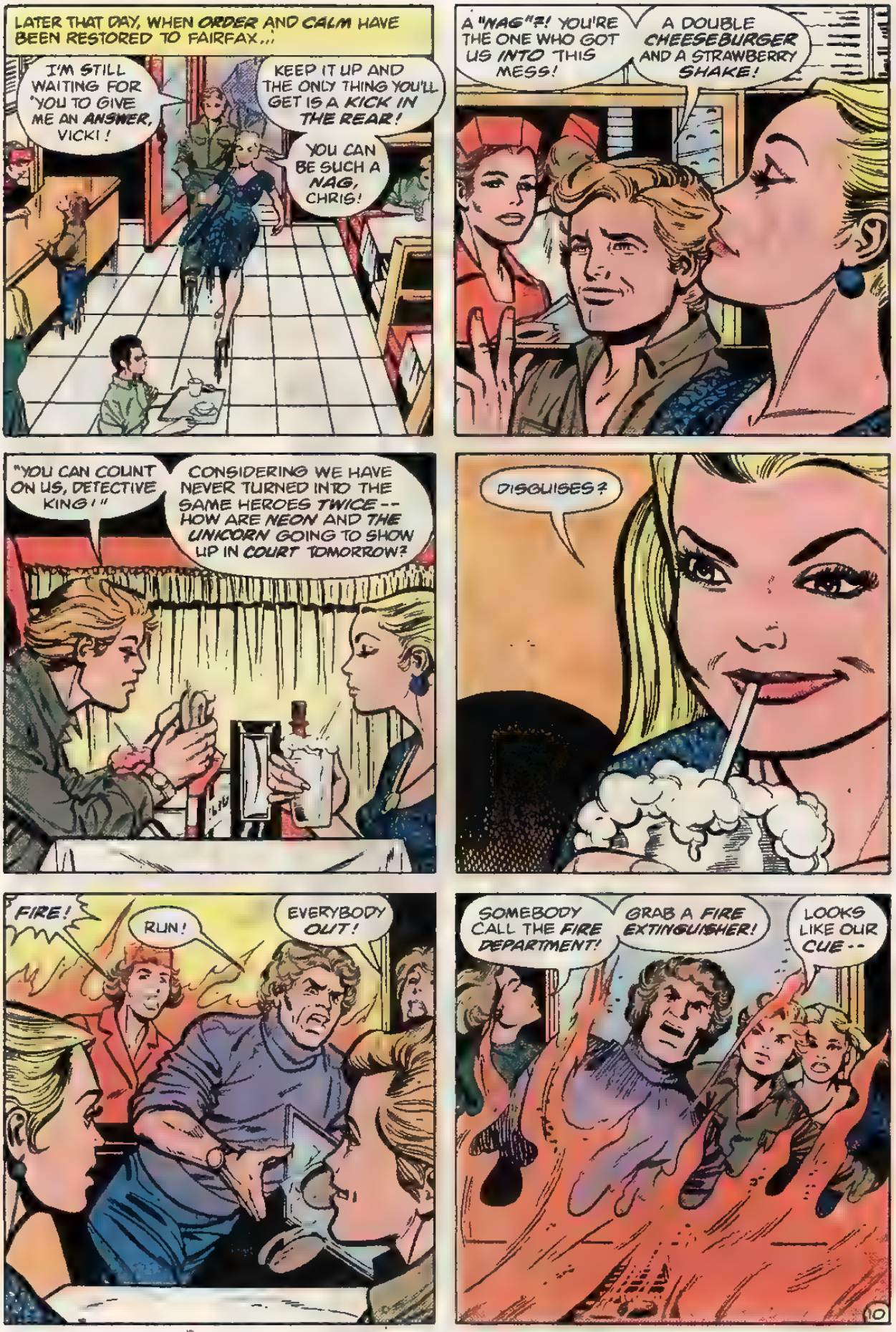
LATER THAT DAY, WHEN ORDER AND CALM HAVE BEEN RESTORED TO FAIRFAX...
I'M STILL WAITING FOR YOU TO GIVE ME AN ANSWER, VICK!
KEEP IT UP AND THE ONLY THING YOU'LL GET IS A KICK IN THE REAR!
YOU CAN BE SUCH A NAG, CHRIS!
A "NAG"?! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GOT US INTO THIS MESS!
A DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER AND A STRAWBERRY SHAKE!
"YOU CAN COUNT ON US, DETECTIVE KING!"
CONSIDERING WE HAVE NEVER TURNED INTO THE SAME HEROES TWICE -- HOW ARE NEON AND THE UNICORN GOING TO SHOW UP IN COURT TOMORROW?
DISGUISES?
FIRE!
RUN!
EVERYBODY OUT!
SOMEBODY CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!
GRAB A FIRE EXTINGUISHER!
LOOKS LIKE OUR CUE --
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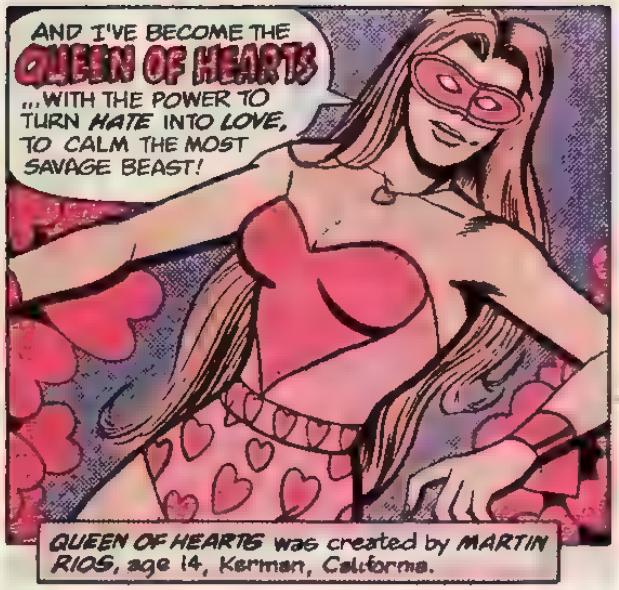

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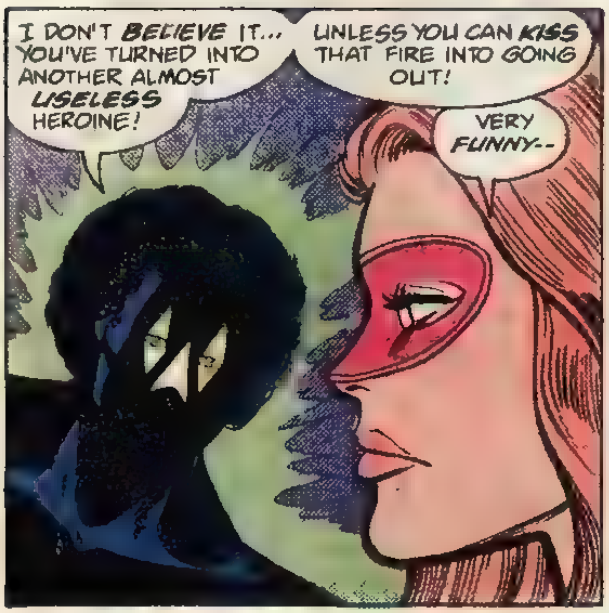
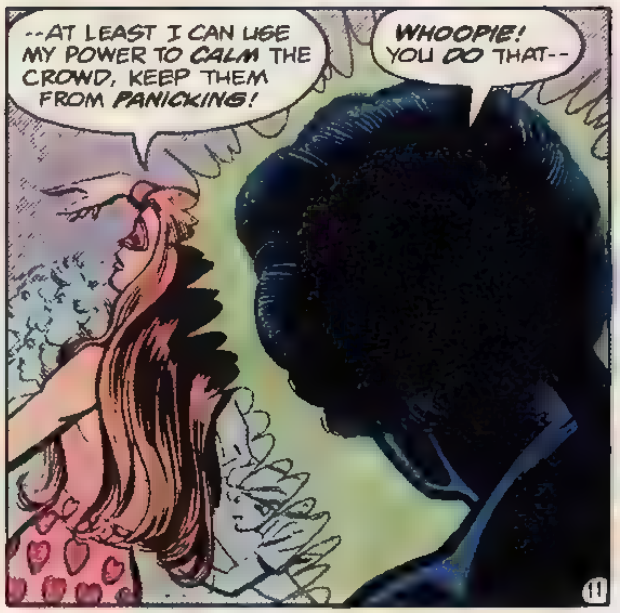
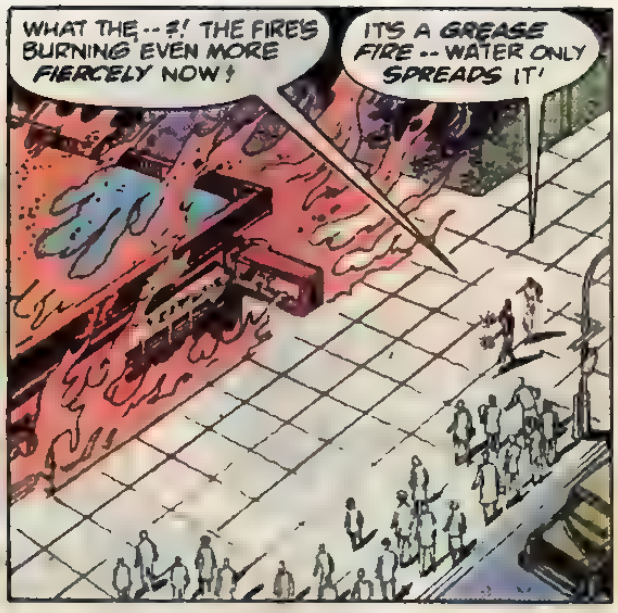
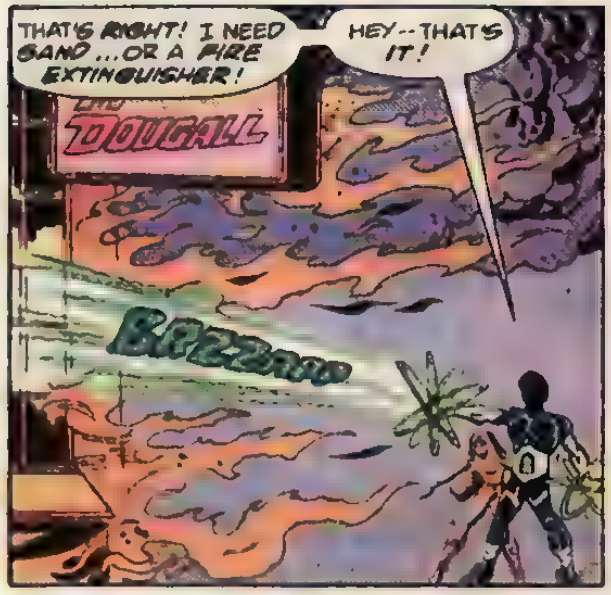

I DON'T BELIEVE IT... YOU'VE TURNED INTO ANOTHER ALMOST USELESS HEROINE!
UNLESS YOU CAN KISS THAT FIRE INTO GOING OUT!
VERY FUNNY--



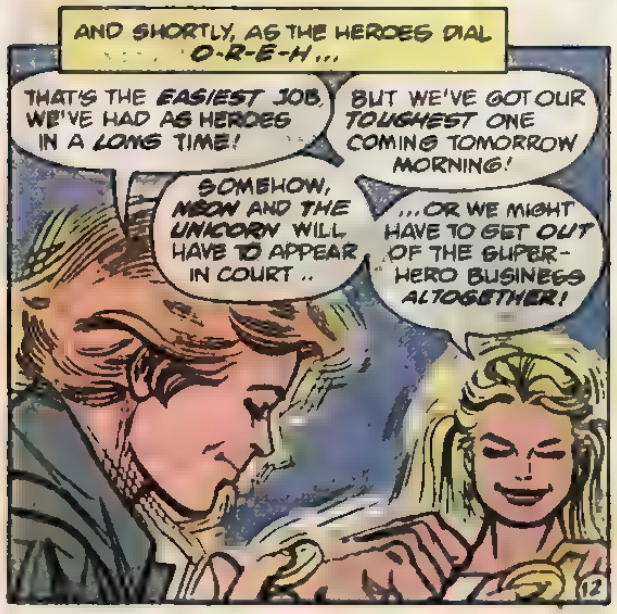
--AND I'LL USE MY POWER TO TURN THE WATER VAPOR IN THE AIR TO LIQUID!


WHAT THE--?! THE FIRE'S BURNING EVEN MORE FIERCELY NOW!
IT'S A GREASE FIRE -- WATER ONLY SPREADS IT!


THAT'S RIGHT! I NEED SAND ...OR A FIRE EXTINGUISHER!
HEY--THAT'S IT!
DOUGALL

THAT WAS QUICK! WHAT'D YOU DO?
TURNED THE CARBON DIOXIDE -- CO_2 -- IN THE AIR INTO A SOLID...
...MAKING THE ENTIRE PLACE LIKE THE INSIDE OF A GIANT FIRE EXTINGUISHER!
MAC DOUGALL

WOULDN'T MR. WILDER BE HAPPY TO HEAR I ACTUALLY LEARNED SOMETHING IN HIS SCIENCE CLASS?
YOU CAN TELL HIM SOME OTHER TIME!
HERE COME THE FIRE TRUCKS -- WHICH MEANS WE CAN GET GOING!


AND SHORTLY, AS THE HEROES DIAL O-R-E-H...
THAT'S THE EASIEST JOB WE'VE HAD AS HEROES IN A LONG TIME!
BUT WE'VE GOT OUR TOUGHEST ONE COMING TOMORROW MORNING!
SOMEHOW, MEOW AND THE UNICORN WILL HAVE TO APPEAR IN COURT..
...OR WE MIGHT HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE SUPER-HERO BUSINESS ALTOGETHER!
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HOWEVER, THE NIGHT PASSES WITHOUT ANY *SOLUTION* PRESENTING ITSELF, AND AS A NEW DAY DAWNS ON FAIRFAX...

WORKING ON A BIG *CASE* TODAY, DAD?

GOING TO *COURT*, CHRIS-- WE'VE GOT TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST *TSUNAMI* AND *DISTORTIONEX!*

SHOULD BE A BIG *CROWD* THERE, TOO!

HEROES STOD
TIDAL W
CRIM

THOSE TWO *SUPER-HEROES* ARE GOING TO TESTIFY!

WHAT WERE THEIR *NAMES*, CHRIS?

I ...UH, DON'T *REMEMBER*, DAD! NEON LIGHT? UNIFORM?

WHY'S DAD *LOOKING* AT ME THAT WAY?

AND, AS PREDICTED, THERE IS QUITE A LARGE NUMBER OF *SPECTATORS* IN THE COURTHOUSE THIS MORNING...

...INCLUDING TWO TEEN-AGERS WHO *SHOULD* BE IN SCHOOL--

WELL, ANY *IDEAS* YET?

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST GO TO *SCHOOL* AND HOPE THEY CAN CHARGE THE VILLAINS *WITHOUT* US!

NO WAY! WE'VE *GOT* TO DO *SOMETHING*--EVEN IF IT'S TELLING MY DAD OUR *SECRET!*

WHAT?!

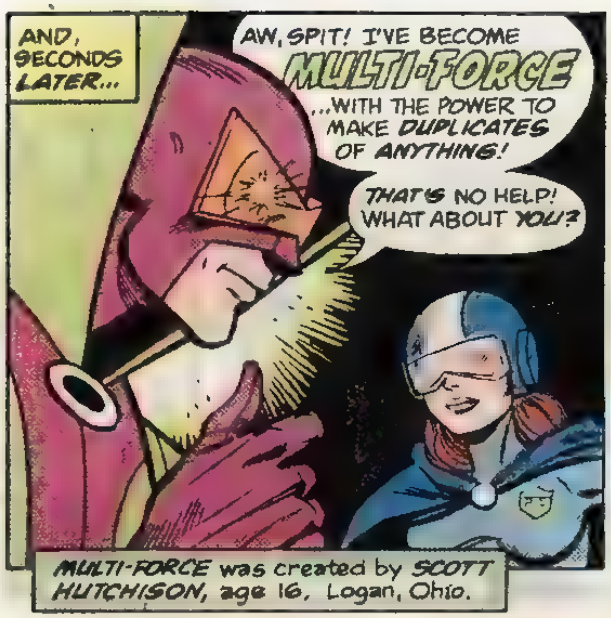
COME ON!

SHORTLY, IN A DESERTED HALLWAY...

YOU AREN'T *SERIOUS* ABOUT TELLING YOUR FATHER, ARE YOU?

NAH! IT WOULDN'T *HELP* THE SITUATION ANY!

COME ON--*DIAL!* MAYBE ONE OF US WILL HAVE A POWER THAT CAN CHANGE US TO *LOOK LIKE* NEON AND *THE UNICORN!*


AND, SECONDS LATER...
AW, SPIT! I'VE BECOME MULTI-FORCE ...WITH THE POWER TO MAKE DUPLICATES OF ANYTHING!
THAT'S NO HELP! WHAT ABOUT YOU?

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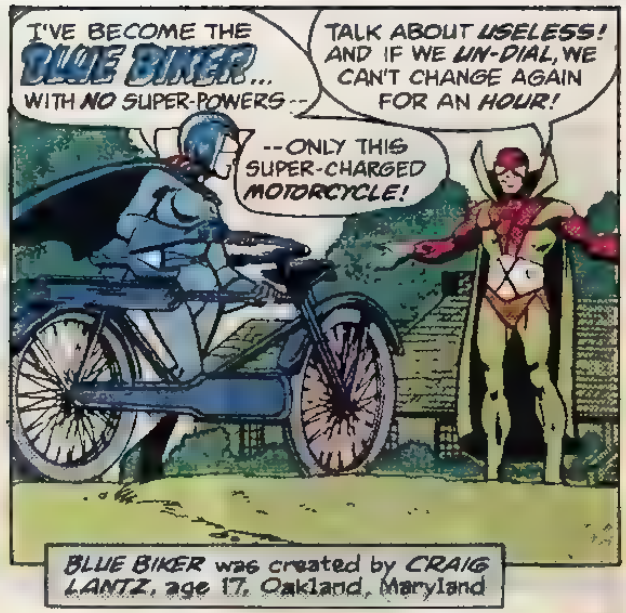
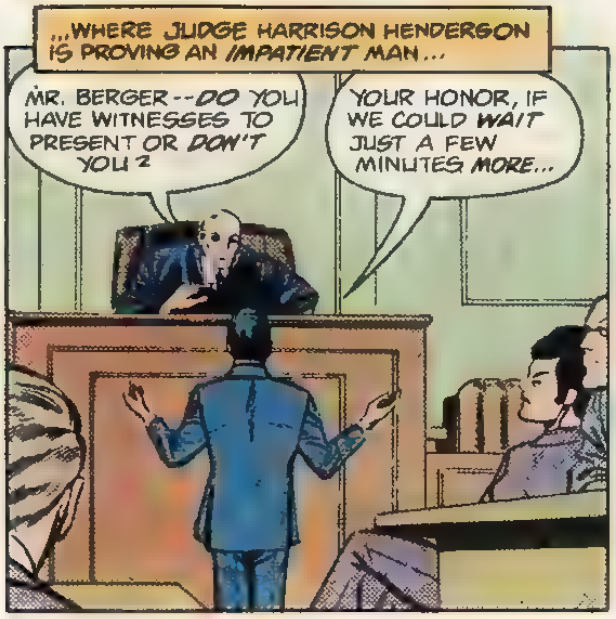
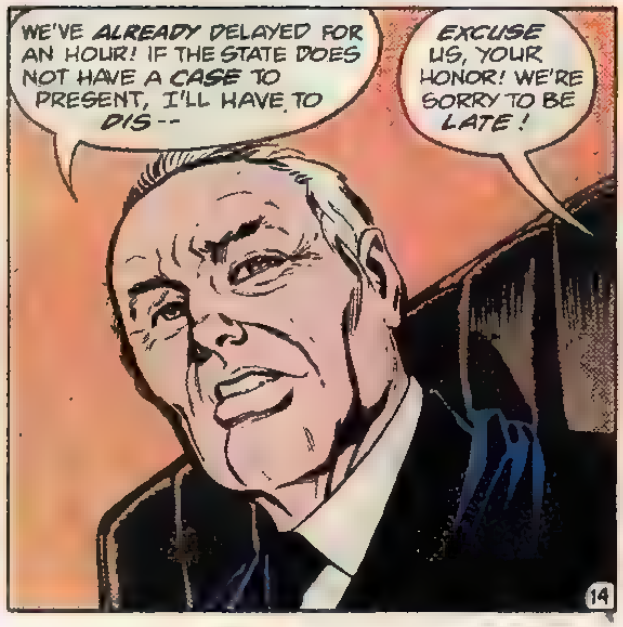
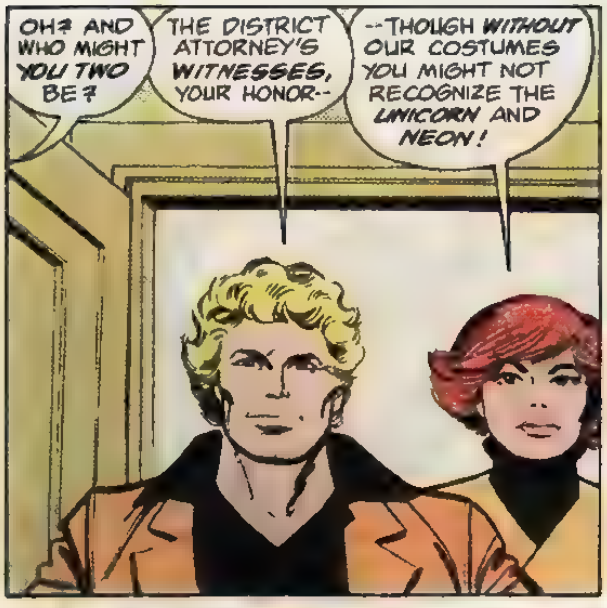
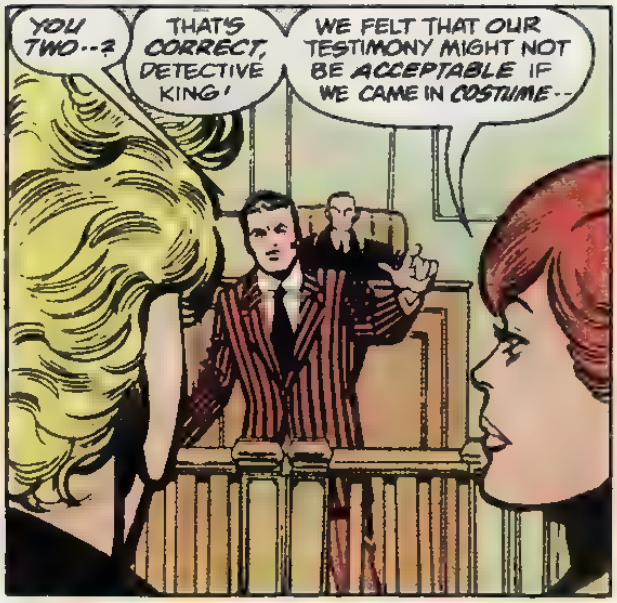

I'VE BECOME THE BLUE BIKER... WITH NO SUPER-POWERS--
TALK ABOUT USELESS! AND IF WE UN-DIAL, WE CAN'T CHANGE AGAIN FOR AN HOUR!
--ONLY THIS SUPER-CHARGED MOTORCYCLE!

BLUE BIKER was created by CRAIG LANTZ, age 17, Oakland, Maryland

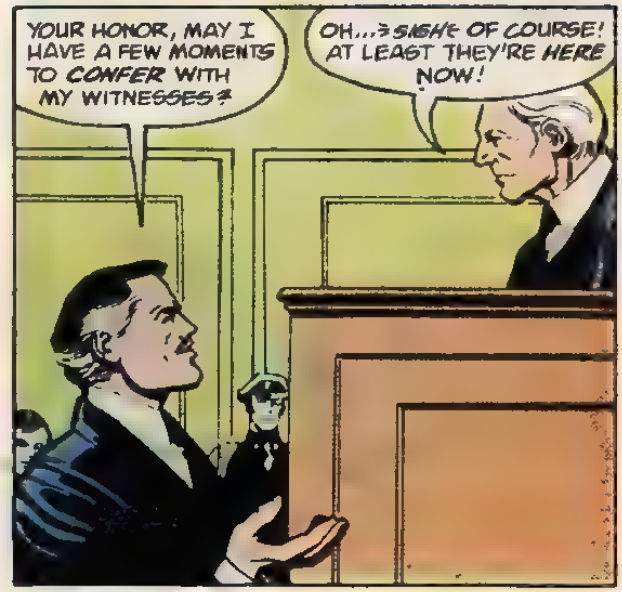

...WHERE JUDGE HARRISON HENDERSON IS PROVING AN IMPATIENT MAN...
MR. BERGER--DO YOU HAVE WITNESSES TO PRESENT OR DON'T YOU?
YOUR HONOR, IF WE COULD WAIT JUST A FEW MINUTES MORE...


WE'VE ALREADY DELAYED FOR AN HOUR! IF THE STATE DOES NOT HAVE A CASE TO PRESENT, I'LL HAVE TO DIS--
EXCUSE US, YOUR HONOR! WE'RE SORRY TO BE LATE!


OH? AND WHO MIGHT YOU TWO BE?
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S WITNESSES, YOUR HONOR--
--THOUGH WITHOUT OUR COSTUMES YOU MIGHT NOT RECOGNIZE THE UNICORN AND NEON!


YOU TWO--?
THAT'S CORRECT, DETECTIVE KING!
WE FELT THAT OUR TESTIMONY MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IF WE CAME IN COSTUME--

--SO WE'VE CHOSEN TO REVEAL OUR TRUE IDENTITIES TO THE PEOPLE OF FAIRFAX!
MY NAME IS CHARLES PRINCE AND THIS IS VIVIAN GARFIELD!


YOUR HONOR, MAY I HAVE A FEW MOMENTS TO CONFER WITH MY WITNESSES?
OH...? SASHE OF COURSE! AT LEAST THEY'RE HERE NOW!

AND, A BRIEF RECESS LATER...
--AND WHEN I ENTERED THE BANK, I SAW THE DEFENDENT, DISTORTIONEX AS HE CALLED HIMSELF, CAUSING THE VAULT DOOR TO DISINTEGRATE!
HOPE THEY HURRY UP! IN LESS THAN HALF AN HOUR, VICKI AND I WILL CHANGE BACK TO OUR TEEN-AGED SELVES!

AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED, MS. GARFIELD?
THE DEFENDENT TRIED TO GRAB ME WITH HIS LEFT HAND --I BELIEVE HE WANTED TO DO THE SAME THING TO ME THAT HE DID TO THE VAULT!
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AND I'LL STILL DO IT... ONCE I GET MY HAND ON YOU! NOTHING CAN STOP DISTORTIONEX! HEH!
YIIII!
LOOK OUT!
GUARD--RESTRAIN THE DEFENDENT!
HEH! GO AHEAD AND TRY--
--BUT WITHOUT YOUR GUN!
HUNH?!
NEON--YOU STOPPED HIM ONCE! DO IT AGAIN!
HUNH?
WE THOUGHT HIS COSTUME WAS THE SOURCE OF THE POWER-- OBVIOUSLY IT ISN'T!
ZAP HIM WITH YOUR NEON CHARGE! --FAST!
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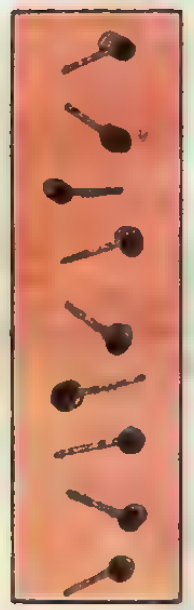
NOW WHAT DO I DO? I CAN'T DUPLICATE NEON'S POWER!
AND VICKI DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S GOT ANY BRIGHT IDEAS EITHER!

COME ON--HEH-- ANYONE WANT TO SHAKE HANDS BEFORE MY DARLING AND I DEPART?
WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF YOUR MONEY TO KEEP US HAPPY FOR A LONG TIME!

I'LL TAKE THAT, YOUR HONOR!
HEY, PARTNER--

--DO YOUR STUFF!

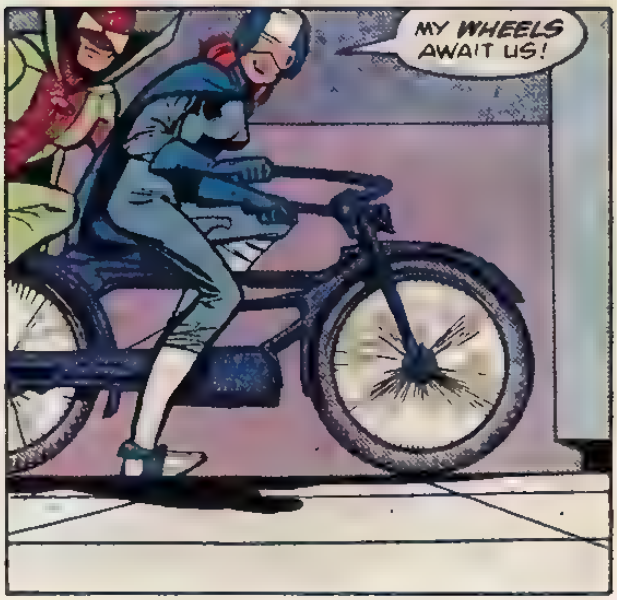
TO PARAPHRASE SHAKESPEARE: "DOUBLE, DOUBLE--GAVELS ARE TROUBLE"... FOR DISTORTIONEX!

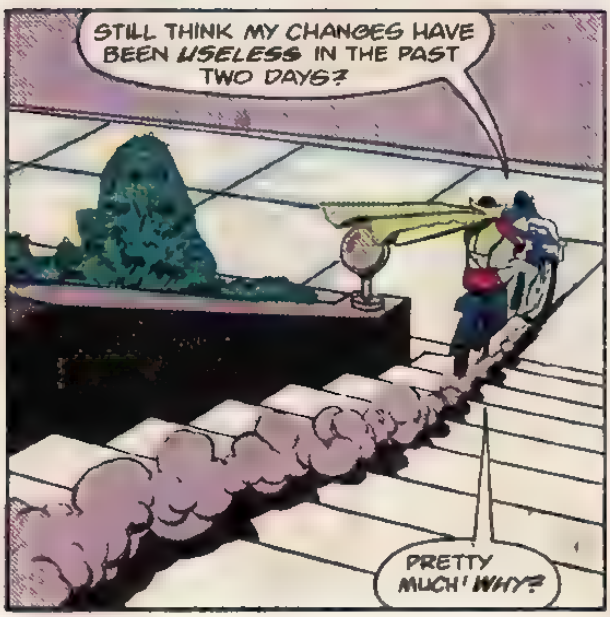


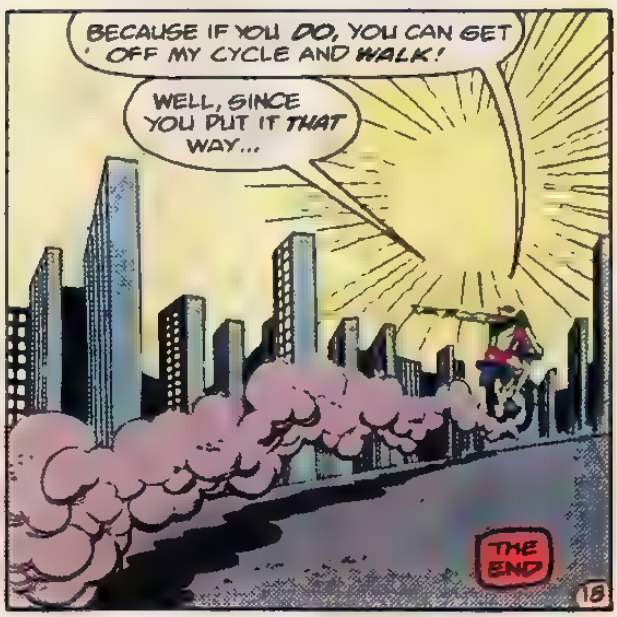
NOOOOO!

ORDER! ORDER IN THE COURT!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! OUR HOUR IS ALMOST UP!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE!

THESE CLOTHES I "DUPLICATED" FOR US WILL VANISH WHEN I UN-DIAL...
...BUT LET'S DO THAT SOMEPLACE NICE AND QUIET!
EXIT


MY WHEELS AWAIT US!


STILL THINK MY CHANGES HAVE BEEN USELESS IN THE PAST TWO DAYS?
PRETTY MUCH! WHY?


BECAUSE IF YOU DO, YOU CAN GET OFF MY CYCLE AND WALK!
WELL, SINCE YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...
THE END

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Dear Editor,

Dial "H" for Hero #484 was very good. It must be quite unnerving for Vicki and Chris, having to slip away every time there is an emergency. Chris' father gets closer to learning Vicki and Chris' secret each issue.

Now for the second part of my letter: questions concerning the heroes, the editor's favorite part (GRRRI). Do the heroes' creations last after one hour has elapsed? How long do you plan to keep this feature in ADVENTURE COMICS? Is it possible in the near future we might see Vicki and Chris fighting alongside Superman in DC COMICS PRESENTS, and if not there, maybe in BRAVE & BOLD along with Batman? Will Chris and Vicki ever get a permanent headquarters?

Keep on dialing!

Dan Rubin
No Address Given

Funny you should ask, Dan...As a matter of fact, Chris and Vicki's power-dialed selves can last only one hour. At the end of that time, they revert automatically to their normal teenaged selves. In addition, since the dials select powers at random, Chris and Vicki have no control over what creation they will become next. And we'd have to say the odds are against them becoming the same super-heroes more than once. To answer your other questions: Dial "H" for Hero will be moving from ADVENTURE COMICS soon. Chris and Vicki will be teamed up with Superman in DC COMICS PRESENTS #44, that's the April issue. After that, Dial "H" *will be featured as the regular back-up in* Superboy, *starting with the April issue,* Superboy *#28. As for whether Chris and Vicki will ever get a permanent headquarters: you'll have to ask* Dial "H" for Hero's *new editor,* Julie Schwartz!*—TOF*

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Dear Editor,

I liked #484. Why? Feel. Huh?

Let me explain. In previous issues of *Dial "H" for Hero*, I felt that what I was reading was not so much a comic book as it was a showcase for readers' contributions. Sure, some of these characters were quite interesting, but the format was pretty routine, (a) introduce the villain(s), (b) Chris and Vicki turn into a pair of new super-heroes (saying, "Yes, I sense I'm ***MUSHROOM MAN***, with the power to grow *without* chlorophyll!"), (c) Chris and Vicki defeat the villain(s). And all in eight pages, too.

But this issue was different. We had a good villain, Bounty Hunter, who stuck around for a few pages. (Not to mention the amusingly bizarre Pupil, though I had hoped he wouldn't turn out to be a robot.) We had a longer story, some foreshadowing of future events, some interesting character interaction, and some passable action. And the second story (I'm tempted to call it a back-up) had some welcome humor. In other words, we had *stories*, not mere showcases. Not perfect, but I liked it.

What could change my mind? Well, if next issue features someone called Mushroom Man (with the power to grow without chlorophyll)...

T.M. Maple
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

You mean "T.M. Maple", apparently a unique form of talking plant himself, doesn't feel a kindred spirit with fungi? For shame...we hope you're not a snob, just because you can read and write. Unlike certain mushrooms. —TOF

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Dear Editor,

After reading "Blood Money" in ADVENTURE #484, I hope that all the king's horses and all the king's men have enough Krazy Glue to put the Pupil back together again. It was a perfect complement to the Bounty Hunter.

As for "Mr. Negative", I'm speechless! DC has always had a flair for incorporating oddballs in their stories, but few, if any, ever endeared themselves to me the way Archie Drudge did.

I might go so far as to say...uh! Grumble! What am I doing writing this letter to you lunkheads? Snarl! I have better things to do with my time than comment on the sophomoric stories in this idiotic comic, praise Perez's icky cover, and flatter that Wein character, Groan! Who cares if he publishes this letter? Sigh! Who cares about anything? Just leave me alone.

Jeffrey Lowndes
809 Sunset Street
Scranton, PA 18509

Gee, Jeff, we hope the effects of "Mr. Negative" are only temporary. Otherwise, think of all the future issues of Dial "H" for Hero *you won't be able to enjoy. By the way...SNARL! It's not catching, is it? GROWLLLL!—TOF*

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Dear Editor,

The Bounty Hunter tale is near-nifty, and the Mr. Negative story had a SHAZAM panache to it (I almost expected to see Captain and Mary Marvel on the case).

The highlight of "Blood Money" was the Pupil. The creator was real clever, creating a double pun (eye—student—pupil), resulting in a very good idea. Bruce Smith, I salute you!

I like this new *two* story format; you now have room to treat the cast like people! Also, we get new continuing elements (Brad in the Vipers, the Manns divorcing, Chris taking the hero game seriously since his father was shot by a supercrook), needed since you won't use supercharacters twice.

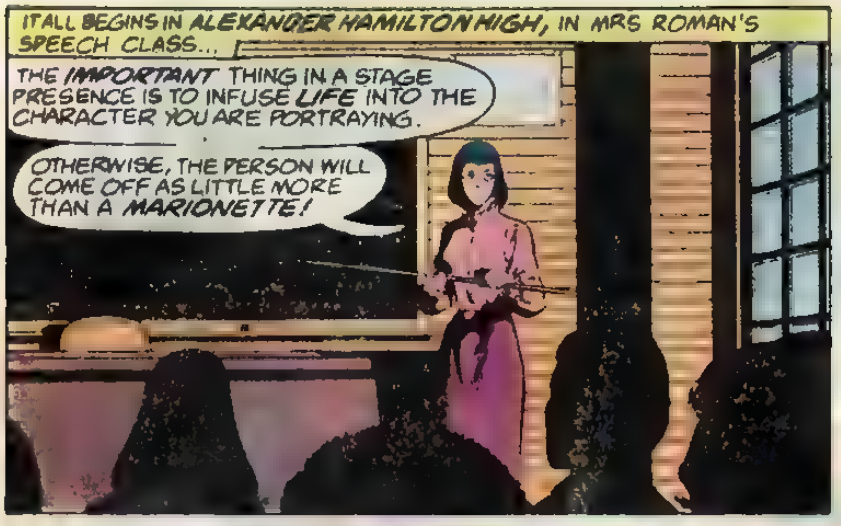
Could you also rationalize the fancies of the cast—tell us why Glinda follows fads (er, is it because she thinks that fads can make her popular?), Frannie is dedicated to female freedom (er, is it cuz everybody in her family is male and the familial pressures caused her to hate all men?), why Roger is socially invisible (I really doubt it's for racial reasons, but how do I know otherwise?)

Until next issue—SOCKAMAGEE!

Frank Titone
No Address Given

You've raised some interesting points, Frank. Ones I'm sure the new *writers of* Dial "H" for Hero *will want to consider—Bob Rozakis and E. Nelson Bridwell will be sharing the scripting. Well, see you all next month!—Tamsyn O'Flynn*

THE OLD WEST'S WEIRDEST HERO... JONAH HEX™ ON SALE MONTHLY!


IT ALL BEGINS IN ALEXANDER HAMILTON HIGH, IN MRS ROMAN'S SPEECH CLASS...
THE IMPORTANT THING IN A STAGE PRESENCE IS TO INFUSE LIFE INTO THE CHARACTER YOU ARE PORTRAYING.
OTHERWISE, THE PERSON WILL COME OFF AS LITTLE MORE THAN A MARIONETTE!

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Artists TREVOR VON EEDEN and LARRY MAHLSTEDT
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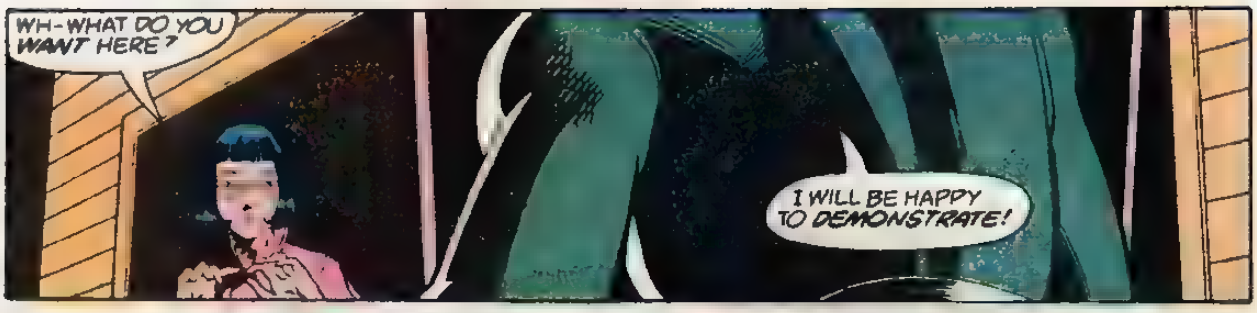
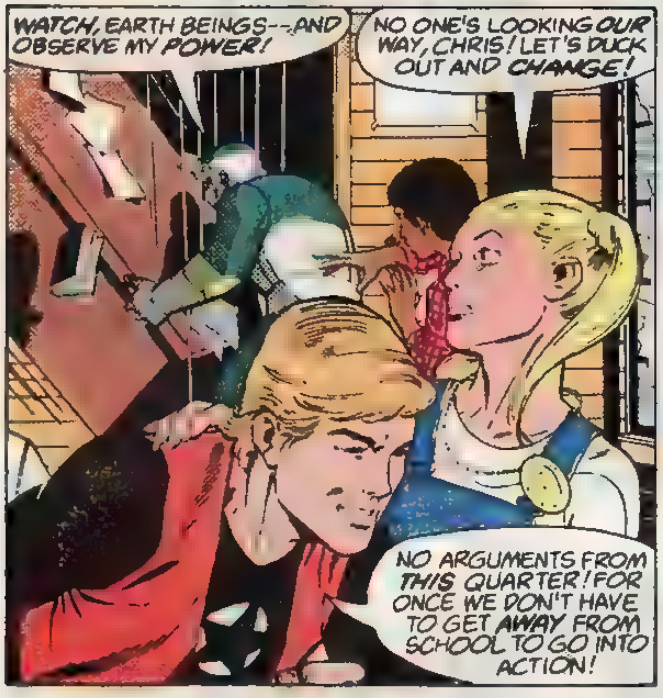
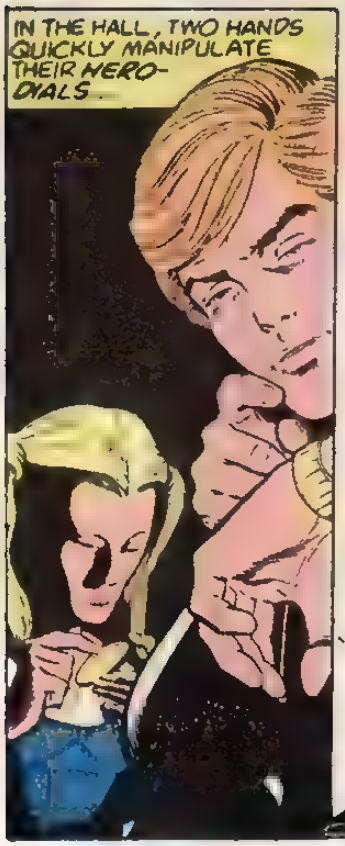
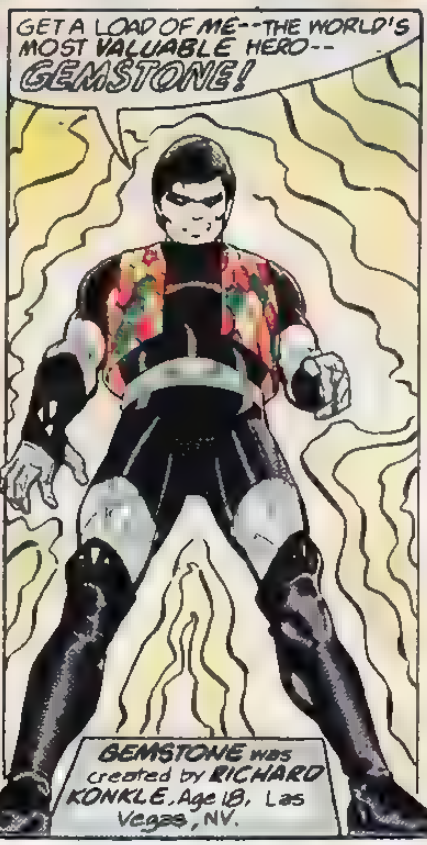
THE MARIONETTE was created by DAVID WILE, Age 19, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.


WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE?
I WILL BE HAPPY TO DEMONSTRATE!


WATCH, EARTH BEINGS--AND OBSERVE MY POWER!
NO ONE'S LOOKING OUR WAY, CHRIS! LET'S DUCK OUT AND CHANGE!
NO ARGUMENTS FROM THIS QUARTER! FOR ONCE WE DON'T HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM SCHOOL TO GO INTO ACTION!

KWAMM!
LET THIS TEACH YOU TO FEAR ME!


IN THE HALL, TWO HANDS QUICKLY MANIPULATE THEIR HERO-DIALS...


GET A LOAD OF ME--THE WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE HERO--GEMSTONE!
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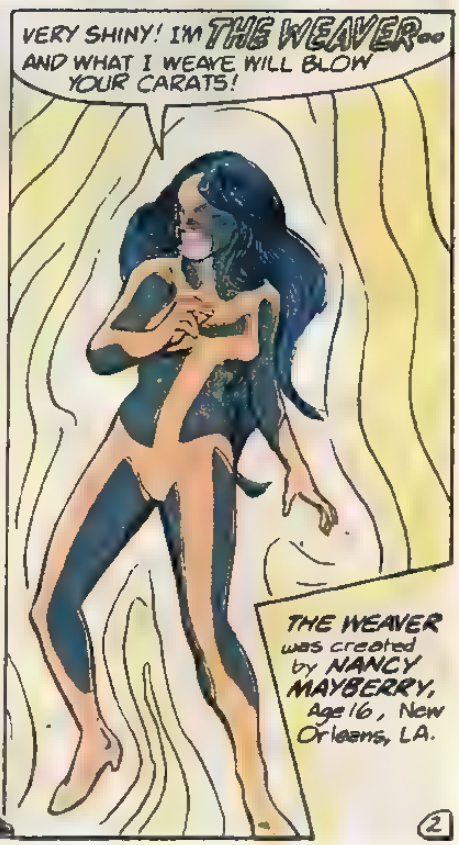
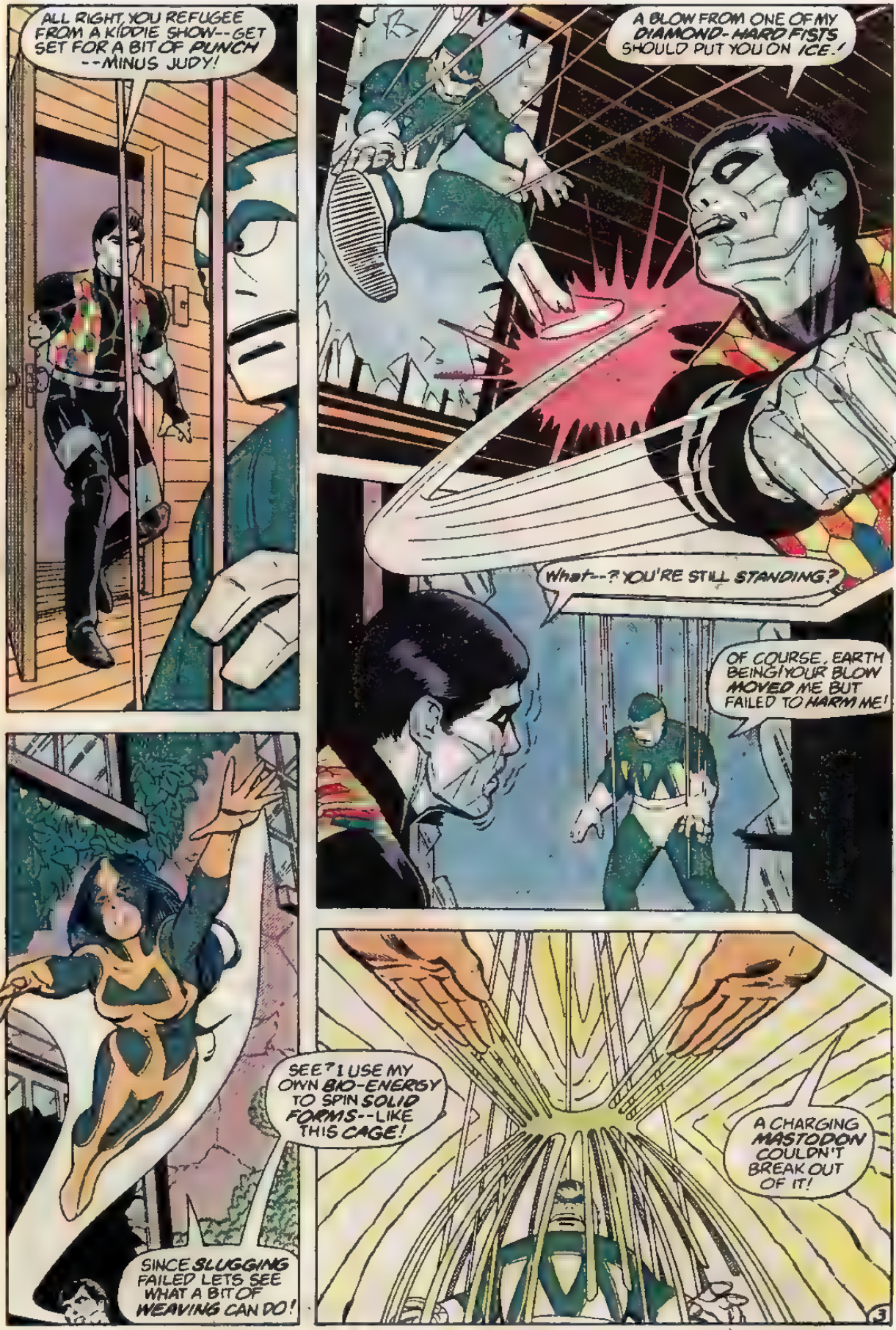

VERY SHINY! I'M THE WEAVER... AND WHAT I WEAVE WILL BLOW YOUR CARATS!
THE WEAVER was created by NANCY MAYBERRY, Age 16, New Orleans, LA.


ALL RIGHT, YOU REFUGEE FROM A KIDDIE SHOW--GET SET FOR A BIT OF PUNCH --MINUS JUDY!
A BLOW FROM ONE OF MY DIAMOND-HARD FISTS SHOULD PUT YOU ON ICE.!
What--? YOU'RE STILL STANDING?
OF COURSE, EARTH BEING! YOUR BLOW MOVED ME BUT FAILED TO HARM ME!
SINCE SLUGGING FAILED LETS SEE WHAT A BIT OF WEAVING CAN DO!
SEE? I USE MY OWN BIO-ENERGY TO SPIN SOLID FORMS--LIKE THIS CAGE!
A CHARGING MASTODON COULDN'T BREAK OUT OF IT!
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YES--THESE BARS ARE INDEED VERY STRONG! YOU EARTH CREATURES SURPRISE ME!
COME OFF IT! YOU'RE NO ALIEN!
RIGHT! YOU SPEAK ENGLISH AND EVEN HAVE THE LETTER "M" ON YOUR COSTUME!
I PREPARED FOR THIS JOURNEY--LEARNED YOUR ALPHABET AND LANGUAGE!
AND NOW, IF YOU DO NOT MIND--
--OR EVEN IF YOU DO--I SHALL LEAVE THIS CONFINEMENT!
RIPPPPP!
WHETHER YOU'RE FROM ARCTURUS OR POOUNK, YOU'RE IN FOR THE SCRAP OF YOUR LIFE!
SIMPLETON, I SHALL DISPOSE OF YOU WITH EASE!
BEHOLD MY POWER!
SMASSH!
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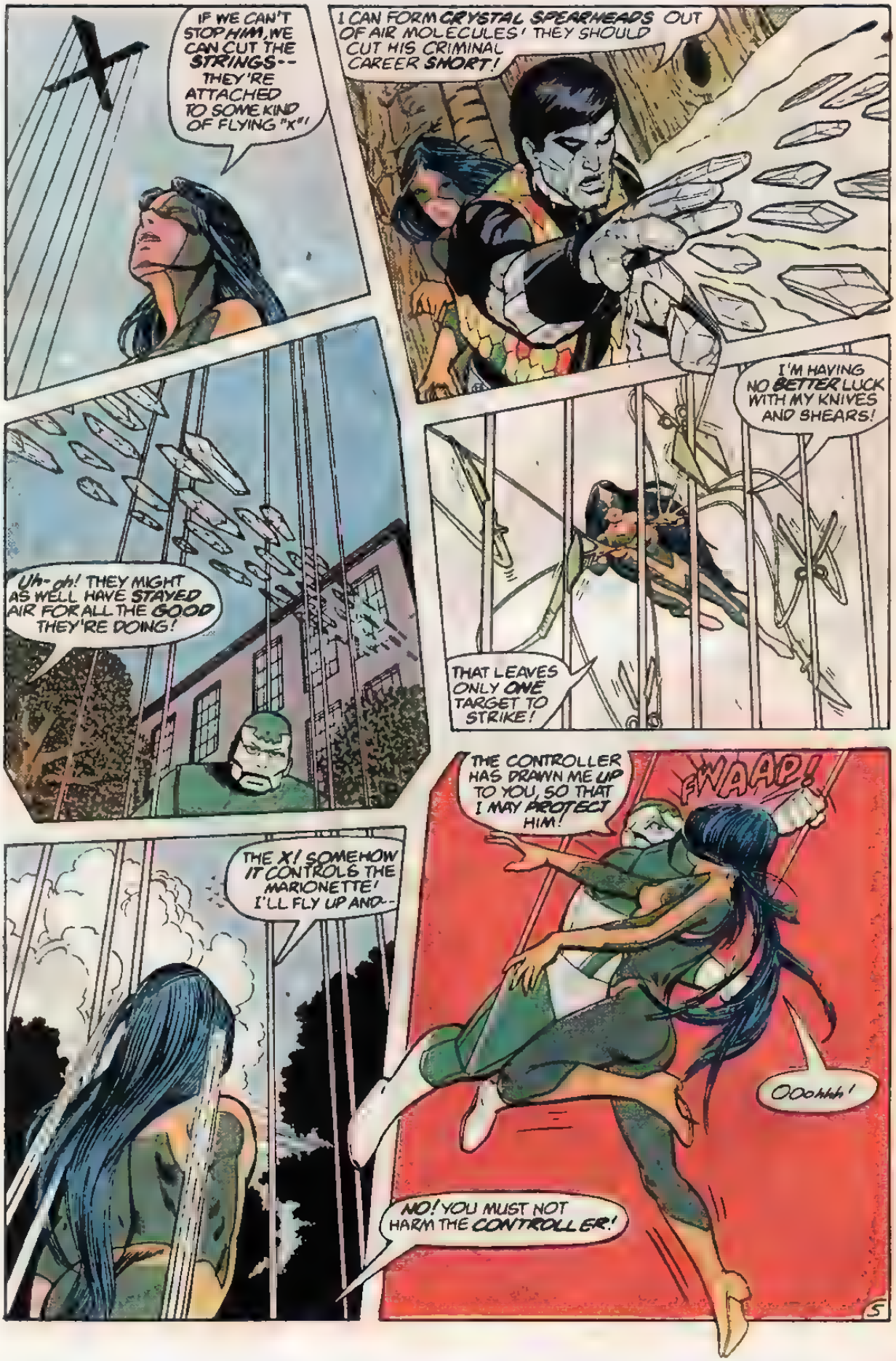
IF WE CAN'T STOP HIM, WE CAN CUT THE STRINGS-- THEY'RE ATTACHED TO SOME KIND OF FLYING "X"!
I CAN FORM CRYSTAL SPEARHEADS OUT OF AIR MOLECULES! THEY SHOULD CUT HIS CRIMINAL CAREER SHORT!
I'M HAVING NO BETTER LUCK WITH MY KNIVES AND SHEARS!
THAT LEAVES ONLY ONE TARGET TO STRIKE!
Uh-oh! THEY MIGHT AS WELL HAVE STAYED AIR FOR ALL THE GOOD THEY'RE DOING!
THE X! SOMEHOW IT CONTROLS THE MARIONETTE! I'LL FLY UP AND--
THE CONTROLLER HAS DRAWN ME UP TO YOU, SO THAT I MAY PROTECT HIM!
FWAAP!
Oooohhh!
NO! YOU MUST NOT HARM THE CONTROLLER!
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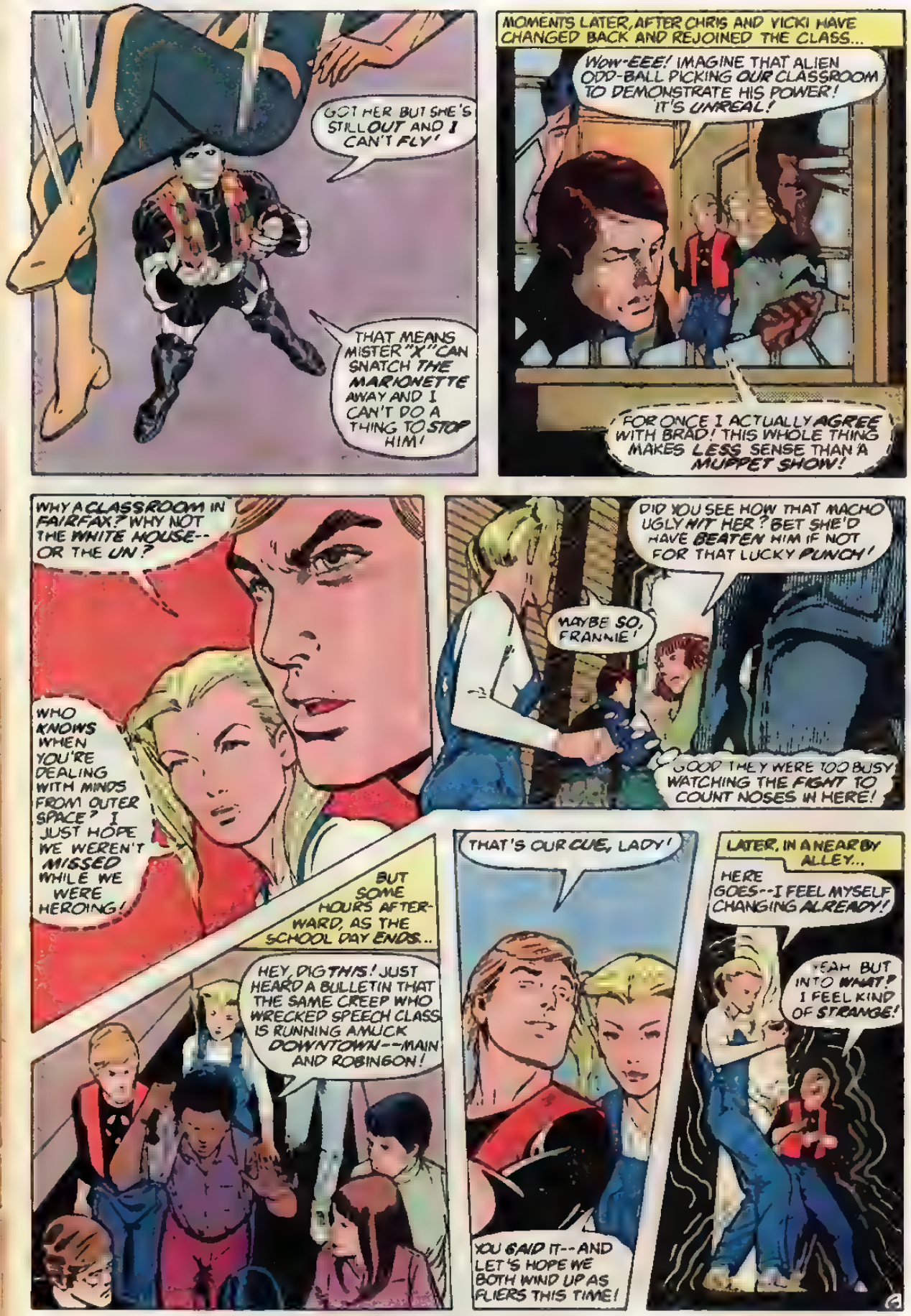
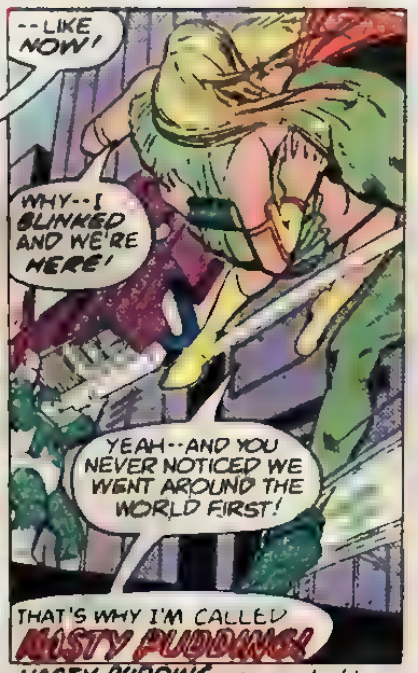
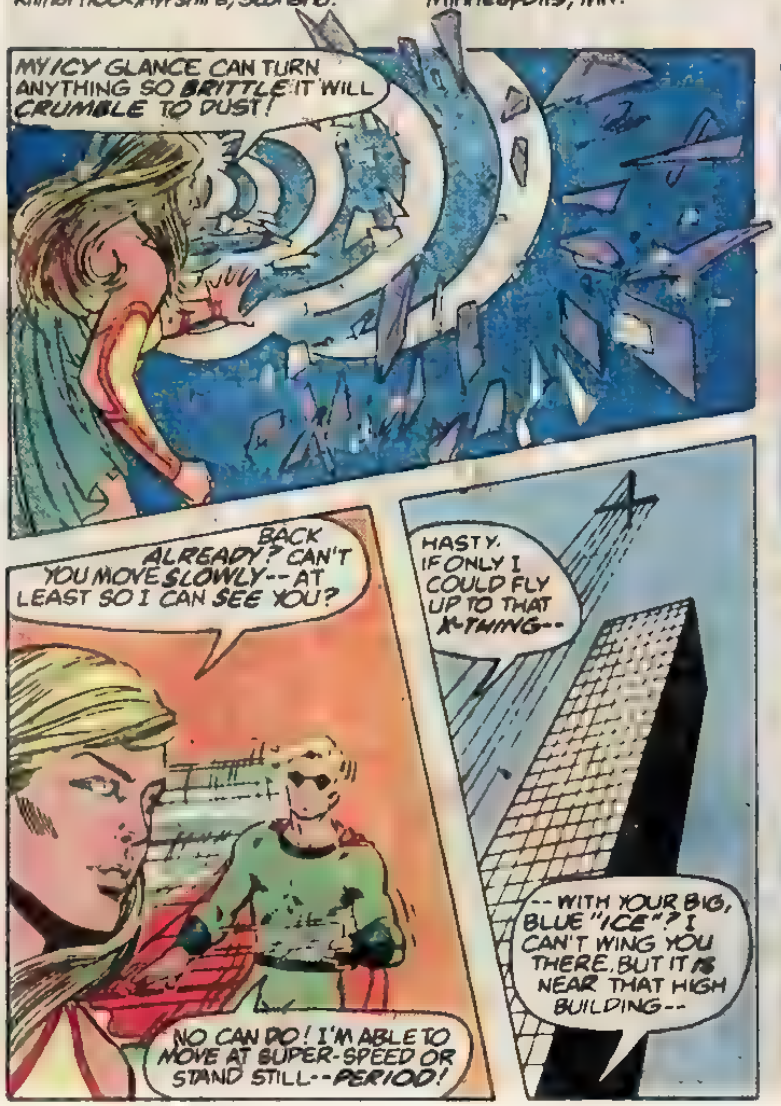

GOT HER BUT SHE'S STILL OUT AND I CAN'T FLY!
THAT MEANS MISTER "X" CAN SNATCH THE MARIONETTE AWAY AND I CAN'T DO A THING TO STOP HIM!
MOMENTS LATER, AFTER CHRIS AND YICKI HAVE CHANGED BACK AND REJOINED THE CLASS...
WOW-EEE! IMAGINE THAT ALIEN ODD-BALL PICKING OUR CLASSROOM TO DEMONSTRATE HIS POWER! IT'S UNREAL!
FOR ONCE I ACTUALLY AGREE WITH BRAD! THIS WHOLE THING MAKES LESS SENSE THAN A MUPPET SHOW!
WHY A CLASSROOM IN FAIRFAX? WHY NOT THE WHITE HOUSE-- OR THE UN?
WHO KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH MINDS FROM OUTER SPACE? I JUST HOPE WE WEREN'T MISSED WHILE WE WERE HEROING!
DID YOU SEE HOW THAT MACHO UGLY HIT HER? BET SHE'D HAVE BEATEN HIM IF NOT FOR THAT LUCKY PUNCH!
MAYBE SO, FRANNIE!
GOOD THEY WERE TOO BUSY WATCHING THE FIGHT TO COUNT NOSES IN HERE!
BUT SOME HOURS AFTER-WARD, AS THE SCHOOL DAY ENDS...
HEY, DIG THIS! JUST HEARD A BULLETIN THAT THE SAME CREEP WHO WRECKED SPEECH CLASS IS RUNNING AMUCK DOWNTOWN--MAIN AND ROBINSON!
THAT'S OUR CUE, LADY!
YOU SAID IT--AND LET'S HOPE WE BOTH WIND UP AS FLIERS THIS TIME!
LATER, IN A NEAR BY ALLEY...
HERE GOES--I FEEL MYSELF CHANGING ALREADY!
YEAH BUT INTO WHAT? I FEEL KIND OF STRANGE!

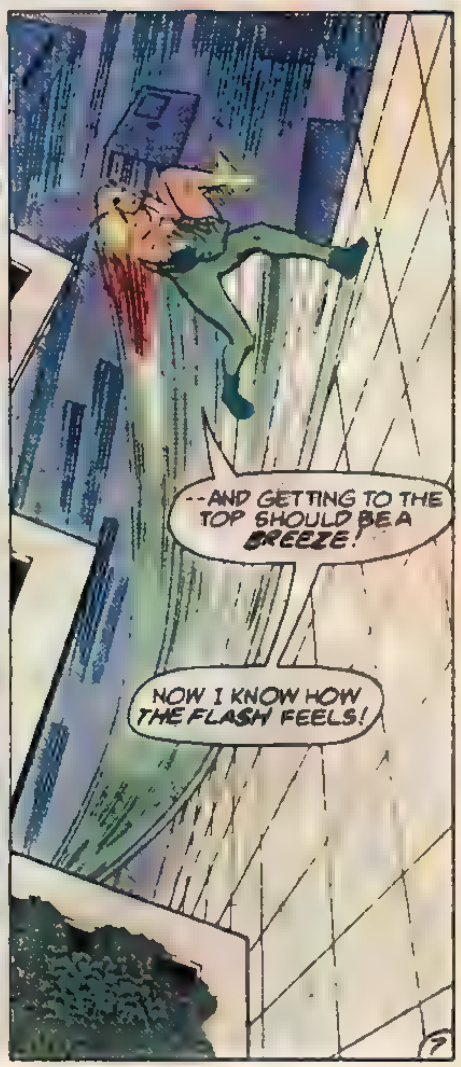
DARN! I'M FROSTY NOW--WITH EYES THAT MIGHT STOP "STRINGALONG" COLD--BUT I CAN'T FLY!
NEITHER CAN I--BUT WE'LL GET THERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT--

FROSTY was created by: ANN-MARIE LESLIE, Age 16, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland.


--LIKE NOW!
WHY--I BLINKED AND WE'RE HERE!
YEAH--AND YOU NEVER NOTICED WE WENT AROUND THE WORLD FIRST!
THAT'S WHY I'M CALLED HASTY PUDDING!

HASTY PUDDING was created by DALE M. HOUSTMAN, Age 30, Minneapolis, MN.


MY ICY GLANCE CAN TURN ANYTHING SO BRITTLE IT WILL CRUMBLE TO DUST!
BACK ALREADY? CAN'T YOU MOVE SLOWLY--AT LEAST SO I CAN SEE YOU?
NO CAN DO! I'M ABLE TO MOVE AT SUPER-SPEED OR STAND STILL--PERIOD!
HASTY. IF ONLY I COULD FLY UP TO THAT X-TWING--
--WITH YOUR BIG, BLUE "ICE"? I CAN'T WING YOU THERE. BUT IT IS NEAR THAT HIGH BUILDING--



THERE'S NO TIME FOR IT TO PULL UP THE MARIONETTE!
OUR "UNKNOWN QUANTITY" IS CERTAINLY TRYING THOUGH!
TOO LATE!
THE CONTROLLER IS GONE!
AND THE MARIONETTE IS FALLING!
NO SWEAT WE'LL BE DOWN THERE FIRST!
GOTCHA, FELLOW! YOU'LL BE OKAY!
NO--I AM DYING!
THE EXERTION--AND EARTH'S ALIEN ENVIRONMENT--ARE FINISHING ME--
BUT AT LEAST I AM FREE OF THE CONTROLLER!
THEN IT WAS THE REAL VILLAIN! YOU WERE INNOCENT!
NOT QUITE--I CREATED IT!
I PLANNED IT AS THE PERFECT ARTIFICIAL BRAIN--WITH ALL THE POTENTIAL OF A HUMAN BRAIN, BUT ABLE TO USE IT AS NO HUMAN COULD--AT LEAST ON ANY PLANET KNOWN TO ME!
AND YOU HAVE SEEN ITS POWER!
BUT WHY USE THAT POWER FOR SENSELESS DESTRUCTION? AND WHY HERE?
THAT WAS...MY GREAT... ERROR! I MADE IT--TOO HUMAN!
MY... ARTIFICIAL BRAIN... WAS..
...INSANE?
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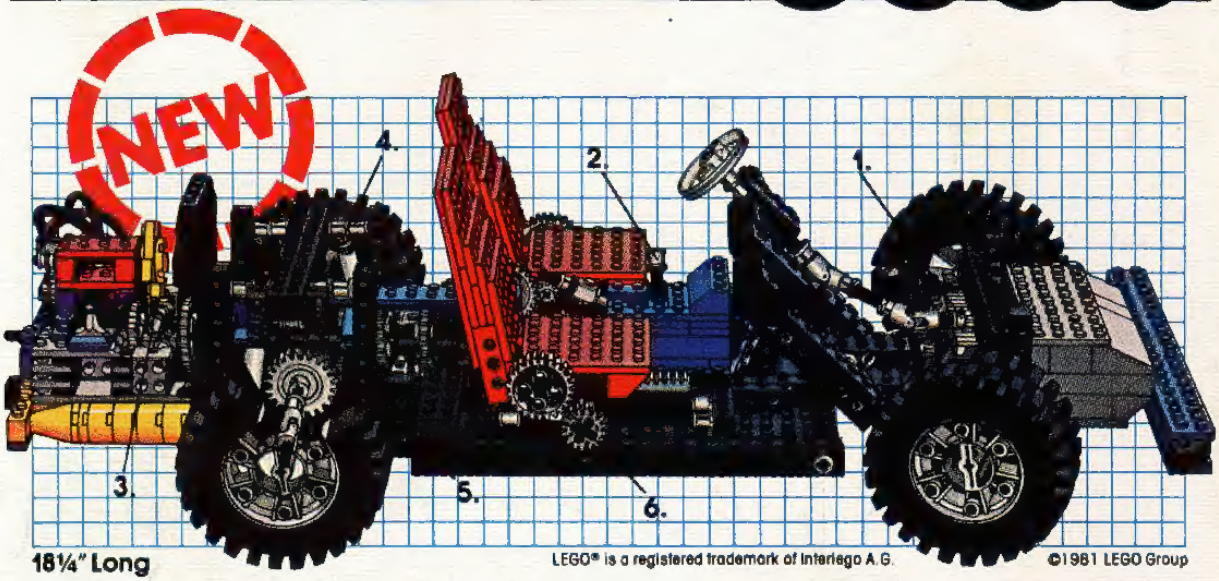

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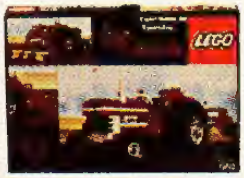

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